# FOOT ALUMNI NEWSLETTER 2013

## Dear FOOT Leader Alums,

It is February here in New Haven, and guess what? It is snowing! This has been the snowiest winter I can recall, except for our huge storm of last year. But this year it seems to snow every third day. Lots of snow days!! I guess we can call this the year of the wacky weather! FOOT is going strong as ever. I believe this coming August will be our 30<sup>th</sup> year (if you start counting by how many summer we have actually had trips)! I would love to celebrate with some of the classes who are returning for reunions. You should check out our new and improved website: www.foot.yalecollege.yale.edu. And keep checking it! I'm getting sentimental and adding all sorts of old stuff to it—old brochures, BOOT covers, pictures, news articles. There are lots of fun memories on the Alumni menu.

But on to the news from all of you!

**Class of 1986 & 1987** Phew time is flying by...Here is news from the earliest set of Footies: (ed. note: early Alums called leaders Footies! Today they are the freshmen.)

Jamie Williams: Still now in DC; still Head of The Wilderness Society!

**Eve Vogel:** I'm still at UMass Amherst and living in Amherst. And I still maintain my strong Pacific NW connections - was just out in Oregon over the New Year. I have a new research & extension project trying to improve flood prevention and remediation in New England to be more attuned to natural river processes. Am also still working on history and politics of rivers and electric power systems. I actually made it to our 25th reunion a year and a half ago - crazy! that so much time has passed, but it was really fun. My son Ari is 9 and in 3rd grade. Would love to see/hear from other FOOTies especially from the early years. I'm still really sad we've already lost two of the original crew - Sue and Peter. Jamie, SO fun to see your name in my inbox all the time - wow!! Cilla, you're incredible - what a pillar of consistency and stability all these years. Hugs, Eve

**Beth Morrow:** I continue to work on California health reform and improving care for low income children, through the use of electronic information exchange. Working on some very interesting pilot projects with PHRs for foster youth. The up side of working in California is that I get to travel back there, and visit with Jennifer Martinez on a regular basis. Other than that, my life is very city-bound, in Brooklyn, where I live with two high school students and a husband, all of whom are far more physically active than I am, and I find myself worrying that they'll leave me at home for the next back packing trip. Love to everyone. Beth Morrow

**Matt Etterson:** I'm still in Duluth, still with EPA working on chemical risk assessment. Had an interesting year with the federal sequester and then the shutdown, which gave me some free time to volunteer for the MN Breeding Bird Atlas project. I've also been serving on the research committee for Hawk Ridge Bird Observatory in Duluth (one of the best hawk migration sites in North America – we get thousands of birds on a good day). This year for the first time, I've also agreed to help teach a couple of courses at Univ. MN Duluth, one of which is ornithology. That's been fun so far. My daughter started high school this year, which seems like a major milestone. Fortunately her plans for high school seem quite different from what mine were... Last year, my aging self finally forced me to quit drinking coffee, my last remaining vice, save a piece of candy from time to time. So now I'm even more boring than most of you will remember. Still loving Duluth, though I won't mind when the polar vortex finally leaves us alone (we're forecast to stay below zero for the next few days with wind chills down to - 45F). On the bright side, we're having a great snow year and the skiing has been fabulous when it's warm enough to go out. We're also right in the middle of the Snowy Owl invasion happening across the eastern and midwest states and several birds have staked out winter territories right in town. That's about it for news. We had great trips to the Boundary Waters and to Glacier Nat'l Park last year. Broke my ankle in the spring, which hobbled me for a bit, though honestly it wasn't as bad as the sprain I got during FOOT training one year. I was back to bicycling within a couple of weeks and running within a month. Hope everyone's well. Matt

Liz Ablow: I am still in Seattle. I have lived in the same house for more then 20 years! and yes the Seahawks did win the Super Bowl (of course I had to put this in here as a small rub). With "Solarize Seattle" (a non profit that is making it easier for residents in Seattle to go solar) we just had solar panels installed on our roof. We will be receiving a check at the end of the year from Seattle City Light for all the power we generated that we did not use for our home...Now that my son is in his second year of college in Maine we took the great step of selling his loft bed and replacing it with the old futon couch from the living room. Now we have a guest room and yes we actually bought a new couch for the living room! My daughter is a junior in high school, which is hard to believe. It dates us all... I guess we will have to come up with a good plan for her room too in the next couple of years! My husband still owns/operates a small bakery/café that will have it's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary in June. Yes, I still work for Seattle City Light as a fish biologist. I'm heavily involved with research on summer steelhead on the South Fork Tolt River...I will hold back from sharing too much since not everyone finds this fun and exciting, but I do. Besides PIT tagging juvenile steelhead I am now involved with a study that we PIT tagged spawning gravel and buried them in the river bottom at different depths in hopes to understand depth of scour at different flows. We are also using wildlife cameras at the same locations I hopes to capture the movement in pictures and video (my wildlife biologist coworkers think I'm crazy)... and with the dry weather these days who knows if we will see any big flows. I am also involved with the City of Seattle's Race and Social Justice Initiative, which is focused on ending institutional racism and race-based inequities in Seattle. One sub committee I'm involved in is addressing the issue of the racial disproportionality of discipline in schools ... yes, sadly it is a tall order but some progress is being made. I hope everyone is well! Thanks Cilla for keeping this going and for still being there. I send my love and know that there is a guest room waiting for anyone who wants to visit, this is an upgrade from a guest alcove we used to use. Cheers, Liz

#### Class of 1988

**Patrick Whalen** I have been volunteering as the Alumni School Committee director for the Florida Suncoast. I help recruit talented students to Yale from this area, conduct interviews, and assist in outreach for Yale. I am in my 26th year of teaching at Saint Stephen's Episcopal School, where my two sons attended starting in pre-k. My oldest son is a Junior at Vassar College where he is majoring in Philosophy. My younger son is in middle school and will be taking my class in three years. I am the head of



the social studies department at the school and work closely with the College Board on their AP World History program. The photograph is of me and my wife Heather earlier this month as we visit Ft. Matanzas in north Florida.

## Class of 1989

Ann Vileisis This year Tim got a great job photographing National Forests – and so we set out on a 7 month road trip in our van. I took it as a sabbatical from my too-busy, small town life – hoping to make a writer's retreat for myself in the eddies of travel and photo shoots. (I am still working on my epic environmental history of abalone.) And so our schedule of writing, driving, and photography was demanding and exhilarating. We traveled down the West Coast, across the south -took a jaunt to Puerto Rico, home of America's only tropical rainforest National Forest (El Yunque)—up the Appalachians and back to the Rockies –visiting highlights of about 60 National Forests all together. We also had a chance to visit many family members, and spending time with some dear old FOOT friends was a real treat. I got to drop in on Carrie's sweet scene in Ann Arbor for an evening, and to hook up with Jamie and Flo in Colorado. I wish we'd had time to visit with everyone. It was wonderful to have another chapter of van life. In particular, I thought of many of you fondly when we climbed up Lobo hill in Jackson Hole on our 19th wedding anniversary -hard to believe so much time has passed since then (though I still have the words in my head from the song Ben performed: annie banannie and tim tim teree.....) We just got home about 3 weeks ago and are still readjusting to the treadmill of home ownership -but are happy to be ensconced cozily indoors now that winter storms are poised to hit. Big FOOT hugs to everyone

Kristin Mitchell After rowing in small town Alaska for years, I finally broke out of my comfort zone and rowed at the World Masters Games in Turin, Italy this summer. Italy is better at many things than running a tightly scheduled event, but it was an experience complete with thunderstorms and broken equipment at the starting line and no advance notice of race times. The location did dovetail well with some excellent hiking in the valleys south of Aosta and also in Iceland, which is on the way home if you live in Alaska. Iceland is a fabulous place to visit with unguarded wild caves complete with goat skeletons, geysers that erupt every 10 min or so and soak you with hot



sulphury water, hot springs the color of blue opals, and an alphabet with not one but two extra 'th' sounds. What's not to love? I continue to practice primary care internal medicine and sleep medicine, and find myself holding my breath wondering how health care reform will play out here in Alaska as the Governor just declined to expand Medicaid. The kids are growing and thriving - it is hard to believe my little boy is now in HS at Stanford's OHS, nearly as tall as his mom, with bigger feet and much bigger math chops. My 9 year old heals from wrist fractures faster than her mom, is a rock climbing fool and breaks thick boards in Karate. She is modeling the FOOT T-shirt during the buggiest summer in 50 years. Both kids remember the Yale courtyard swings from my last reunion, so we are saving hard for bright college years. As always, we would welcome FOOT visitors here on the Kenai. Best to everyone.



**Toby Kovacs** My wife, Rachel, and I are living with our two sons, Daniel (11) and Joshua (8), on the Upper West Side. Like others, our lives revolve around the kids' schools and their interests - basketball for Daniel and violin for Joshua. Rachel took several years to work as a mom (I've been well trained!) and is now considering returning to paid work with the city government where she previously worked. I'm going on my seventh anniversary running marketing for a small company which specializes in software for quant investors. I'm the lone liberal arts major in an office of math PhDs. That's our current status in a nutshell. And here's a quick story that other FOOT'ers might be able to relate to: I've been trying for years to pass along my love of the outdoors to my kids. My older son, Daniel, wants nothing to do with it. My younger son, Joshua, on the other hand, is willing to play along. So last summer when Daniel went off to camp I rushed to plan an overnight hiking trip in nearby Harriman State Park. I decided we would go FOOT style – no tent, just tarps which we would pin down using rope (and what was the name we gave to the clumps of earth we placed in the tarps to hold the ropes?). New York was in the middle of a brutal heat wave so I was sure we wouldn't need warmth of a tent. Our hike into the park was just as I had dreamed it would be - we enjoyed a quiet forest (the heat kept all the crowds away), found a lake and went skinny dipping, had a wonderful meal over our stove, and I showed my son how to pitch our tarp. Then night fell and the bugs came out. OMG, I have never experienced bugs that ferocious. The

Then hight fell and the bugs came out. OMG, I have never experienced bugs that ferocious. The tarp afforded us no protection from the flying monsters. We didn't sleep a wink. Finally, at 5 in the morning, having slept barely an hour, we packed up our stuff and hiked out of the park and headed home. For Christmas I received a new tent as a gift. Joshua is certain that he will never again sleep outdoors using just a tarp. That's insane, Dad. So in that sense, I failed to indoctrinate him to the ways of FOOT. On the other hand, he's come to refer to our experience as "night of the living hell" and we laugh non-stop about it these many months later. Laughing about our misadventures, wasn't that a core FOOT principal? Success! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion and would love to reunion hike. Not sure if the rest of my family will be in tow. See everyone then!

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Trex Proffitt After launching a local foods grocery and cafe with three young co-owners this summer here in Lancaster, PA, I eat a lot of local yogurt, apples, free range chicken, and grassfed beef. I live as a Portlandia cliche, thanks to my heroes, Armisen and Brownstein. They inspired me by asking in one skit, "But is this chicken local?" and that has made all the difference. So, in addition to being a professor, I work at the store part time, greeting customers and hustling the local cheese, lettuce, chocolate, and tomatoes (not together, mind you). We tend to have parties down at the Roaring Brook a lot to celebrate various things: downtown Lancaster's first Fridays, up and coming rock n roll bands, new visual artists who put their stuff on our wall for me to buy, and just as a matter of principle, weekends. As a FOOT alum, I regret not escorting my children more into the wilderness, but take cold comfort in their ability to quote lines from The Office instead. Dwight Schrute comes up often in conversation as a protagonist, living as we do in the Amish paradise of Lancaster County. The importance of beet farming is underappreciated. As you may know, that particular show unrealistically displaces the Amish up to Scranton area, but we true Pennsyltuckians know that's just the typical Hollywood slight of hand. And finally, people have figured out that, yes, get it right, Ed Helms looks like me. The guy in the gas station today said it the wrong way around--Ed is my junior by at least 7 years, talented as he may be. Speaking of my alter ego, a proficient banjo and guitar player, I picked up my guitar again and tried to play it. Free Bird has about 4 chords. Hitting the strings louder makes neither pitch nor rhythm correct, but I just keep hammering away. If one sings loudly enough, you can drown out the mistimed asynchrony of any musical instrument. With the advent of the internet, and all the help provided there, you'd think I could remember more than two or

three simple chords in a row. Not so! I am still just as terrible as I was in college on the guitar, but much more accepting of it. Anyone else doing nanowrimo? Just had to throw that in. Beth works herself to the proverbial bone helping the undergrads at Franklin & Marshall as a residential dean whilst I devote my energies as management guru to the young and well-protected Muhlenberg College Mules. Between the two of us, we are that reassuring adult



presence for the dim and lazy children of some hypothetical suburban New Jersey dentist and his taughtly wound yoga loving wife. Beth sleeps with the phone in bed with us in case she needs to bail someone out of jail or sit with them while they enjoy the charcoal cocktail at the local hospital. My efforts to make the mules fearsome, in which I do a handstand, kick my feet in the air and yell "Yee Haw!" have not yet caught on. But, it's just a matter of time, I'm sure, before the rest of the 2400 students join in, so keep looking for us on YouTube. Beth and I don't see each other for half the week, and the other half we pay bills. Looking for a solution to that, of course, but the local foods empire needs a few more months of gestation. Feel free to come on down; and, bring your guitar.

#### Ben '89 and Betsey '91 Sayler

The Saylers are fine and dandy in Spearfish, South Dakota. I am coming up on my 15th anniversary as a professor of physical science and mathematics at Black Hills State University,

and I continue to focus my professional energies on efforts to improve science and math education. Betsy's medical practice keeps her happily engaged professionally and still leaves her a good amount of time for home and community activities, organizing family trips, and chasing around our little grunions. I do quite a lot of chasing the little grunions too. Speaking of the grunions, Jay (12) and Will (10) are big fans of school and are fully booked with numerous, quite intensive extracurriculars -- many more than Betsy or I ever imagined doing when we were their ages. We're very fortunate to have plentiful outdoor opportunities, and we manage to take good advantage. Hoping to connect with lots of FOOTies at this year's reunion!!



Happy Holidays and a joyous 2014! Love, Jay (12), Betsy, Ben and Will (10)

Paul Jahnige I'm sure this observation is tiring, but how is it you, with your notable name (Proffitt!), became a Chair of entrepreneurial studies, (and then of course went on to found a local foods organic markets, which might be seen as the antithesis of your name). The Loomiges are progressing straight and steady on our path toward ... well, who knows what the path is toward, but it is the great circle of life. I love my job (currently) getting to plan, hike, build, bike, design, ski and think about trails in both Williamsburg and Massachusetts more broadly. One of my more interesting projects is trying to move forward the vision of the Mass Central Rail Trail from Boston to Northampton, and negotiate all the political, community, regulatory (I hate environmental regulations) and funding challenges. Sally is enjoying directing a local land trust and involving herself in various local school gardening and farming efforts. Our girls, now 17 and 15, are growing up too fast, but are loads of fun. We have just completed the college application process with Sage, and are in the waiting phase. At least I believe she will remain within a few hours' drive. I have become amazingly fast at track, well, at least vicariously through Sierra. This summer, both girls are aiming to finish up the 46ers (that's summiting all 46 4,000 footers in the Adirondacks, which I know you know). (For you westerners, these seem like really hard mountains to us flatlanders). Skye, now 7, is skiing, playing mindcraft, collecting MTG cards, and generally being a bright spot in the family, although when we see his peers and their families, he sometimes makes us feel young, and sometimes makes us feel old. Oh, and Santa brought a new kitten for Christmas. Miss all my fellow footers! Love, Paul Jahnige Department of Conservation and Recreation Director, Greenways and Trails Program 136 Damon Road, Northampton, MA 01060 413-586-8706 ext. 20 paul.jahnige@state.ma.us

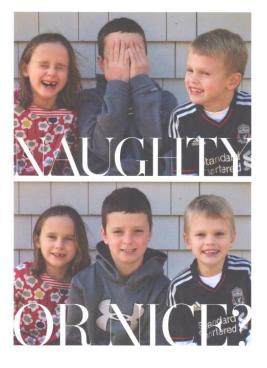
**Greg Felt** Hello Friends – I hope everyone is doing well. Things in Colorado are pretty steady. Our daughter Kestrel is a sophomore at Oberlin College studying theater and English and our son Rowen is a junior at Fountain Valley School in Colorado Springs (boarding). So Susan and I are largely empty nesters now and have been having a pretty good time of it, working hard at our respective businesses (ArkAnglers for me, Home & Design for her) and getting some fun in where we can. We spent the winter break down on the Mexican border, running the Rio Grande through Boquillas Canyon with Megan Matson '89 and Leo Kostelnik '88 and their three kids. Kestrel had a classmate go to Yale and she is now a FOOT leader, so I feel like I have been lapped in a way and am quite happy about it (Hannah Carrese is her name). I still marvel at what FOOT became and try to keep that image in front of me when I contemplate significant challenges. As our family likes to say, "one rarely regrets motivating"! For the record, we live in

Salida, Colorado and if anyone should be passing through please give me a call (719-530-1118) or email to <u>greg@arkanglers.com</u>. Best of 2014 to all! Greg Felt ArkAnglers, 7500 W. Highway 50, Salida, CO 81201 719-539-4223 greg@arkanglers.com

**Frank Levy** Mia turned 10 and began volunteering at 3801 Grand senior living facility, serving meals and leading activities. Kiki turned 11 and started learning Hebrew in preparation for her Batmitzvah. Both girls are loving learning and continue to be curious about everything. They are also engaged in triathlon, cross-country and swimming competition as well as a bunch of other activities. Kids learned canoeing. Kerty's intrapreneurial venture at Kemin turned the corner from a good idea to viable business model. Frank's latest market rate real-estate deals reached or are nearing completion after a long run of investing. Family climbed Mt. Bierstadt in Colorado.



**Gillien Todd** Still in Cambridge with hubby and three adorable kids!



**Carrie Hatcher-Kays:** Carrie has a thriving private practice in psychology right in downtown Ann Arbor. She's particularly interested in mid-body therapies. She also launched Partners in Healing with two close colleagues

(partnersinhealingpsychotherapy.com). They offer training, consultation, and supervision to psychotherapists and are the local liaisons for the Sensorimotor Psychotherapy Institute. In addition to finding her work with her partners and her clients extremely rewarding, Carrie enjoys taking yoga classes at the Y, running with her dog and being involved at the kid's school. "Spending time outdoors continues to be important to us. A kayak adventure on nearby lakes along the Potowatomi Trail started the summer for Carrie and Amelia

and two other moms and daughters. This past August we enjoyed a wonderful week of hiking and camping in the White Mountains followed by 9 days at our beloved Camp Ossipee on Lake Winnipesaukee in New Hampshire. Sleeping outside for over 15 nights was heaven and we wished for more. We went back to our favorite canoe camping spot on the Huron River a few weeks later with other good friends."

#### Class of 1990

**Eve Porter-Zuckerman** My big news is Thomas, pictured with me in the attached, born in June! We are having a wonderful time with him -- he loves walks in the woods and watching our dogs play. We kept bees again this year, with more success than last year, though we paid less attention due to... Thomas... And our gardens will wait until this coming summer for concerted effort as well. I continue to work for

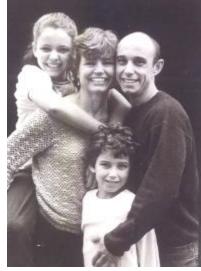
Isaacson, Miller, an executive recruiting firm that finds leaders for nonprofits (including one of our very own FOOT leaders who's now leading a big environmental group!) and universities, and I serve on a couple of boards here in NH, one of which runs a outdoor program for kids - my

niece is now a leader there! Best wishes to all! Eve Porter-Zuckerman 617-835-0323 epz@mac.com

**Michael Kahan** Always great to hear from you! We had a good year. Over the summer, Gabriella and I brought our older daughter, Eva, on a trip to England and then to France, where we dropped her off with a host family in Normandy for a month. (She is clearly following in her father's footsteps so that one day she will be en France pour le semestre!). Gabriella and I traveled on from France to Odessa and Istanbul! Then we got back to the US, and a few days later Eva returned with her French host sister, Camille, who stayed with us for a month. Camille was a great exchange student, and hosting her was a wonderful occasion for all of us to see the Bay Area







sights that we'd always meant to see: we went to Alcatraz, kayaked in a slough near the Pacific with seals and sea otters, and walked across the Golden Gate Bridge. Eva is in 11th grade, and is thriving despite the insane pressures of being a high school junior. She is very involved in her school's choir, and is helping to direct her school's "underground" musical, a parody of Harry Potter. Our younger daughter, Frieda, is in 7th grade, and competed this year for her middle school in track, cross country, and wrestling (yes, she wrestles boys and sometimes beats them, too)! Gabriella and I continue teaching at Stanford, Gabriella in Slavic Literature and me in Urban Studies. The big change for us is that we have finally decided (after years of pleading from Frieda) to adopt a dog, a Jack Russell terrier, which will very shortly join our rat as the family pets! Wish us luck in our new lives as dog people. I'm attaching a photo of us on New Year's Eve, which we spent with my parents, sister, niece, and nephew in Florida. We do occasionally see other Footies - we went on a hike this fall with Emel Gokyigit and Tali Zulman and their families on the new span of the Bay Bridge. Tell Cilla I enjoyed the profile of Steve in last week's NYT! Best to you and the other Foot-ies. Happy new year! Michael Kahan '90 Associate Director, Program on Urban Studies, Stanford University, 450 Serra Mall, Building 120, room 224, Stanford CA 94305-2048

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#### Class of 1991

**Ben Doolittle**: "While my dear brothers and sisters have moved to exotic locations and have endeavor grand projects, I am much the same. I have a fridge full of hummus. I am still at Yale - on the faculty of the medical school where I wear a few hats and generally enjoy the whole scene with wonderful colleagues and purposeful work. I still serve the local church - these days as an interim - and it is all good. Christine - my bride of 15 years - two mermaids (Ellie, 11, Evie 8). There is a pile of legos on the living room floor, muddy boots from the local horse barn in the front hall, and I type this note late, late at night. This pretty much sums it all up. I have been at Yale for a long time now, and I recall so fondly how a trip in the mountains with strangers-become-friends can set the tone for a lifetime of learning and serving. Amazing. Good cheer to one and all! Onwards!"

**Baker Mallory**: "Another year twirls by...I feel like I'm on a merry-go-round and every year about this time my work slows down, I catch my breath, reflect a little; then, I reach out and try to grab one of those pesky gold rings, and hold on for another spin.

In 2013 my landscape design / build practice was ... fruitful. On the other hand while I tried to keep the kids fruit-filled, it was usually fruitless. Despite some picky eaters 2013 with my three monkeys and wonderful wife Jody was stupendous. Gus (7) got braces, is loving tennis, and has become a little smart-aleck... hmmm, how adorable ;-). Brad (5) loves soccer and giving hugs, often to the opposing team. Rose (5) finally



agreed to put on a dress this year!, is biking without training wheels, and loves reading. Some fun family trips this year included skiing in Wyoming while visiting the grandparents, whom my kids affectionately call "Granbo" and "Pork Pop"... understandable aliases since I called my



Grandma: "Doodie"... not kidding. We explored every corner of RI on our summer fling and for Christmas we drove to South Florida (from CT) ... that was... interesting. Peace (and quiet) to you all from Ridgefield, CT.

PS It has been too long since the last FOOT reunion. I'm going to start conjuring something, maybe in conjunction with our 25<sup>th</sup>. I'd love to get out there with all of you... and the kids! Baker"

**Mark Malaspina**: "I am living in Montclair, New Jersey with my wife Aman, Sofia (10), and Deven (7). Our kids attend the public schools here, and we are enjoying watching each of them as they find their own interests. They get along great (so far), which is a blessing. The attached photo is from a fun trip we took to the Grand Tetons and Yellowstone in 2012. After 10 years helping to found and grow an education company, I moved back to the non-profit world in 2009. I serve as the president of CFY, a national education organization based in NYC that supports children, families, and teachers in using interactive digital learning tools at home and in school through our free platform PowerMyLearning."



**Cameron Brooks:** "Hello All! Anyone coming through Colorado is welcome up in Boulder and it would be great to say hello and re-connect. My wife Stephanie and I have two little ones - Amaya (10) and Malachi (7). I've been working on energy policy issues for the past few years, advising start-up companies and some bigger ones (like Google) on how to navigate the different regulatory environments in the states for clean energy and energy efficiency. Hope you are all well!"



**Diana Fisher Gomberg:** "Hi! I'm still in Newton, MA working on our local school board (called a School Committee here in MA), parenting two teenage girls (!), and about to celebrate my 20th anniversary with my college boyfriend, Richard. Drop me a line anytime! Diana Fisher Gomberg (DFGomberg@gmail.com) P.S. Which FOOT alum runs rafting trips in CO? I might want to look him up for an anniversary trip this summer!"



**Chris Roberts:** "Hey everybody. Always good to see so many wonderful, familiar names. Here's two recent photos from Philadelphia. Hannah and I have three daughters: Martha (8), Ruth (5) and Sarah (3)."







Glenn Magid: "Greetings All, Attached are photos of my 2 favorite readers: Isabella ("Bella") age 7 (almost 8) and Amelie ("Lili") age 5 (almost 6); and me, with bunny, age indeterminate (almost very old). For the third year running we call Belmont, MA our home. Bella is in 2nd grade. Her major accomplishment this year: reading the Harry Potter series (despite occasional moments of terror at some of the nastier doings). Lili is in her last year of preschool, and is emerging -- in her parents' eyes at least -- as a very talented artist. Both are endless sources of pride and joy for their parents, and occasional sources of frustration. (Bella, in particular, is growing into her preteen self. I have much to learn about being the father of daughters...) Their mom, Julie, is slaving away at her neuropsychologist private practice, and as a staff member at McLean Hospital. She does a very difficult job very well, as she does the equally (if not more) difficult job of parenting. She hates the east coast winters, but is readjusting to east coast life. I'm still working in college administration at Harvard. Since last I updated this list, I became director of my office -- a fun, at times harrowing, turn of events. I'm much enjoying the job, being back in the Boston area, etc. And three years in am still experiencing moments of deja vu. Were it not for my precipitous hair loss -- and daughters -- I could still be a starving grad student... Besides work and play with kids, I'm attempting to reignite a number of new years resolutions. (Look for me in the lead pack of runners at this year's Boston marathon. Well, maybe not the lead pack. [And maybe not at this year's Boston marathon. I do have aspirations though.] Wishing you all a great start to the new year, and health and happiness to your families! If you're every down Cambridge, MA way, look me up! Best, Glenn"





**Steve Bunyak:** "Greetings to all for 2014! This August will mark our tenth year in Cardiff/Encinitas, about 20 minutes north of San Diego. (Yes, we "bought" our condo almost at the height of the bubble.) My partner Sasha (Calhoun '90) has been enjoying San Diego more since we started weekending in Los Angeles with the kids a few years ago. We head north to tackle a different neighborhood each time--the food can't be beat (Thai, Korean, Mexican,

Japanese) and then it's nice to return to the slower pace of S.D. Sasha's solo regenerative medicine practice, BOUNDLESS, will be six years old in March. (Yes, we decided to start a business at almost the bottom of the worst economy in years! ;-) She's finding solid healing success for her patients by handcrafting PRP (platelet-rich plasma) and fat-derived stem cell injections to treat injury and arthritis. After 13 years in education and eight as the assistant head of school at The Gillispie School in La Jolla, I'm changing careers this July 1 to become her full-time practice administrator. With such dramatic change coming to health care this year and with pressures mounting on solo practices, now's the time to jump in to help out! Daughter Dylan (9) and son Kai (6) enjoy attending Cardiff Elementary. They play rec soccer in the fall and otherwise keep busy with a variety of crafts. Dylan has teamed with three Rainbow Looms and YouTube to become a looming MONSTER, including a 4"x6" American flag bracelet/cuff. How many of you are sporting a fishtail bracelet this minute? Kai enjoys drawing and fantasy play with LEGOs. I really enjoyed browsing through the FOOT website and am inspired to set as our goal this year to get outside more often! Wishing everyone health and togetherness in the year ahead. P.S. Love to Cilla!"

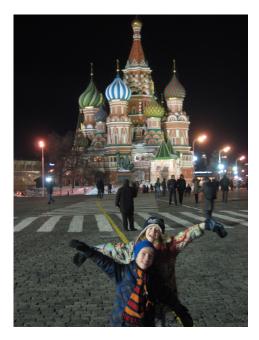


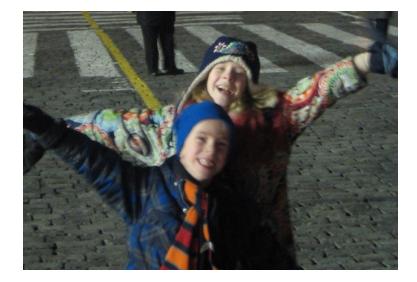
# Happy Holidays 2013! Steve.Sasha.Dylan.Kai Bunyak

**Dara Kovel**: "Hi, folks. It is so nice to see familiar faces surrounded by such beautiful families. Here we are on the stoop of our house in New Haven on Livingston Street where I dragged my husband, Robert, and now our kids, Amelia (9) and Cullen (7) back after a 13-year stint in California post Yale. Robert and I are both in the field of affordable housing. New Haven turns out to be a great place to raise a family and life is good for us here. Warm regards, Dara"



**Eric Steadman:** "Hi there, everyone. It's wonderful to hear from you all and have a flood of memories come back as I look at names. This is Eric reporting from Bangor, Maine, where Rita and I are finishing our seventh year. The weather here somewhat prepared us for our six-week stay in Moscow last winter during Rita's sabbatical (see photo). Bangor is a fabulous place to raise Sonia (10) and Cuddy (7). It's right on the way to Acadia, so let us know if you're passing through. I also finally got around to climbing Katahdin this past summer--well worth the trip. Rita continues to be the rector of St. John's Episcopal Church here in Bangor, and I just ended my 10-year-stint as a stay-at-home dad and am now teaching math part-time at Bangor High School. It's great to be back in the saddle! Cheers, Eric"





**Cesca (Smith) McInerney:** "Hey there, It's been nearly a year and a half since my move to Adelaide, Australia with my husband Dave and now nearly 3 year old son, Owen (do I have the littlest of the little ones from our class?). We are loving living here surrounded by my husband's family. I am still doing research and teaching on paleoclimatology at the University of Adelaide. The climate skeptics have a loud voice in Australia and I am hoping to find ways to deny their denialism. Hope you all are well and let me know if you come through Australia."





**Tali Zulman Ziv:** "A warm hello from Berkeley, Ca. Hubbie Elad and I have our hands full with 3 girls, age 16, 14, and... 2 1/2! Our oldest, Orli, just did her first self-led overnight backpacking trip from Berkeley to Angel Island with a group of responsible high school friends (via ferry and hiking :) The funny part was texting her camping advice, such as 'stir the food often. It burns easily on those camping stoves. Be sure to have your tent up and bedding set up long before dark.' She came home radiant and in one piece. On a sad note, the Zivs mourn Berkeley Tuolumne Family Camp's devastation in the Yosemite fire this past summer. Just many fond summer memories, and a few tee shirts and some mugs in Berkeley remain. The vegetation will grow back, but it will be years before that gorgeous forest regenerates. Fondly, Tali

**Andrew Smith:** "Greetings fellow FOOTites! I haven't posted many updates to the FOOT bulletins, since I never actually led a trip (Yale in London & Freshman Counselor duties interfered), but I've always felt a part of the family.

I'm in Bellevue WA, and I've been practicing Anesthesiology for the last 13 years. My wife, Corrie, my two sons (Tristan, 10, & Aidan, 8) and I live in a beautiful house we designed & built overlooking Seattle, Puget Sound, & the Olympic

Mountains. Corrie is a genetic counselor at the UW, specializing in inherited neurologic conditions.

We're still hiking, though not as much as we'd like. We're doing some easy overnight trips with the kids right now (Mt. Rainier, WA coast, & Canyonlands UT so far), trying to get the boys' Pavlovian response to hiking to be "fun." Corrie and I got to do a parents-only trip in the North Cascades this past October and finally got to see the larch changing.

Our next trip to Yale will be for our 25th reunion in 2016, and our boys will finally get to see the place I've been raving about for all these years. Andrew Smith"







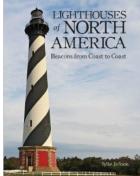
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**Cynthia Boyd** We are enjoying more snow this winter...Graham(9) is getting lots of workouts pulling Jane (2), and sometimes Liam (7), around in the sled. We have rescued a crested gecko that needed a home and are continuously working to keep him warm enough. I'm still a geriatrician at Hopkins, and am attending my first wedding of two of my patients this month! They both lost



beloved spouses a few years ago and met a caregiver support group. Hope all of you have a happy and peaceful 2014! Cynthia



#### Sylke Jackson

Sylke Jackson's first book, Lighthouses of North America, was published in September. She has been rock and ice climbing for the past few years and loves it. Sylke catches up with Ben Harley at dance and music events around NYC last time was at the show of jazz superstar Vijay Iyer (another '92er).

**Peter Ackerman** My brief update is that I'm writing for the TV show *The Americans,* have a web-series you can all watch on

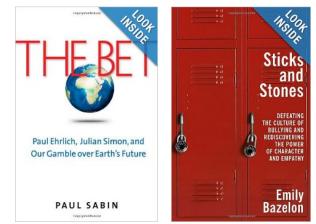
<u>http://thegogetterstv.com</u>. And for those of you with young kids, the sequel to my children's book *The Lonely Phone Booth* will come out this spring. It's called ... wait for it ... *The Lonely Typewriter*. My kids, Stanley and Alvy, will turn 12 and 9 this winter. They're still at the age where I have to maintain the slightly dishonest position that they will grow up to be a Professional Baseball Player and Jamaican Track Star.

**Jake Bowers** The Trustees of the University of Illinois promoted Jake and his co-author and partner, Cara Wong, to associate professors with tenure in August 2013. After the party, they bought a house in Urbana. Home renovations loom. The nerf swords still see active use in the house. Colorful tape holds them together and adds to the sting when a four year old lands a lucky blow while shouting, "Sir Star Trek attacks! Shing!" The seven year old has completed half of a dual-language Spanish first grade and, although she has to write in her Spanish diario every day, she prefers English for warning Sir Star Trek about her impending double sword kung-fu attack.



#### **Dave Goetsch**

Dave Goetsch ('92) lives in Los Angeles with his wife Jen Wang (SM '94) and their two kids Boon, 4, and Mimmy, 1. He has been writing on The Big Bang Theory for the last seven years. He teaches at USC's School of Cinematic Arts. And he's still wants to talk at length about reforming the Mining Law of 1872. **Paul Sabin** We're still in New Haven, where I am helping to run the undergraduate Environmental Studies major and teaching environmental history. 2013 was a strangely hectic year of double-book publishing in our house. Emily's *Sticks and Stones* came out last February, and she has been busy talking about teenage bullying with school and educational groups. My new book, *The Bet: Paul Ehrlich, Julian Simon and Our Gamble over Earth's Future,* came out in September. In *The Bet,* I use an iconic wager over metal prices and population growth as an entry point to examine aspects of the rise of the



environmental movement and the backlash against it. I'm now starting a new research project on the history of environmental law. A major family highlight of last year was a week long whitewater rafting and hiking adventure in Idaho with our boys Eli (13) and Simon (10) -- it made me want to get out with them on the trail more!!

**Louisa Castrodale** Not much to update, same job, same family and pets. Both children (Sam 8 yo and Anna 5 yo) have developed an obsession with raccoons. Thankfully there are no raccoons in Alaska, otherwise I fear they would secretly start a colony in the basement. Heard Paul on NPR last week while stopped at a red light, so now associate 15th and Cordova with his voice!

Joren Ayala-Bass Fifteen-ish years is a lot to summarize, but that may be the last time I checked in with FOOT folks. Back then, I was living in Alaska, clerking for a judge after finishing law school. I met my eventual husband there, Marc. We relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area just before the dot.com crash. We first lived in the Silicon Valley, then in various houses in San Francisco, then on a horse ranch in the deep East Bay far from cell coverage but abounding in great horned owls. About three years ago, we bought and began to renovate a 1970s-era house in the leafy and deeply, deeply suburban town of Moraga, home to great public schools, Thursday night community concerts, and terrible take-out. We did much of the renovation ourselves, as the landscaping and still-1970s-era guest bath confirm, but we're settling in for the long haul. I spend most of my professional time defending companies sued in putative class actions under California's accommodating consumer protection statutes, which don't protect nearly as many consumers as they do help plaintiffs' attorneys buy vacation homes. However, I was also fortunate to be able to work in the marriage-rights trenches, first in support of the right for same sex couples to marry in California, then in opposition to Proposition 8 (which amended the California Constitution to abolish that right), and then in support of the federal case that resulted in the declaration that Prop. 8 was unconstitutional. As with many of you, the work/home balance is a challenge. Before Marc and I made honest men of one-another, we adopted our





older son William, our Georgia peach. He's now in the midst of kindergarten, losing a tooth a month since

August; sight-reading but not trusting in his abilities; obsessed with the videogame Minecraft and, to a much lesser degree, earth sciences. He's greatly disappointed that his venus flytrap has gone dormant for the winter, although it never even twitched when we tickled its "traps". Two years and six days after William was born, our younger son Jack entered the world. A Michigander by birth and the sunniest kid you can imagine, his current passions are Curious George and tangerines, six of which he ate today. I can usually coax both of them on weekend hikes in the protected lands around our house by promises that William can "hunt" the quail we always see and with apples and oranges for Jack, who would eat nothing but fruit if we let him. We had a couple of very fun car-camping trips at the end of the summer, and I am hopeful that we can start seeing more of the outdoors as they get older. I grew up in the shadow of Yosemite, and we've never been, which I hope to change this summer. Joren Ayala-Bass née Bass

Sumner McCallie My wife Katie and I moved into the world of little sleep and joyful wonder

as we welcomed Asher into the world near the end of September. Hard to tell whether we or grandparents (on both sides) were more excited. He's been a delight to get to know. For the first three months, I was worried that I was not sure I could identify my son if he had been placed in a room full of babies; all babies tend to be about as cute and similar looking to me. My wife's response was so wonderfully practical: "Then let's not leave him in a room full of babies." Katie has stepped back from her job as a Development Officer for the



Land Trust of TN in order to care for Asher. I deeply appreciate her willingness to do that. She hopes to continue with some contract grant writing on the side. I have moved from being Residential Dean for the past 17 years to now being the Academic Dean at the McCallie School. Love the change with new ideas to think about. Still organizing Habitat trips for students: last summer to Mongolia and this summer to Trinidad and Tobago. Also doing some work with affordable housing issues here in Chattanooga through two different non-profits. Life is great.

# Class of 1993

**Julie Barker:** Living the suburban dream outside Boston minus the dog and minivan. Husband and 2 girls, 2 jobs, lots of weekend sports. We are all healthy, well fed, and sheltered. Lots to be grateful for...nothing to complain about. Reunion was a blast.. saw a few Footies and hope to see even more at the 25th!

**Sara Cohen**: Last winter, my husband, Mike, and I bought and moved into a house in Medford, MA. The feeling of being a homeowner is still bewildering, and I sometimes catch myself wondering when "they" will come wash the screens or do some other such landlordy thing. Most spectacularly, the house faces a beautiful stretch of the Mystic River, with unobstructed views from our bedroom and living room. Seeing ducks and swans on an almost daily basis and fronting beautiful parkland in a super sweet, eclectic neighborhood has drastically improved the experience of living in the city. Our daughter, Elia, turns two this week, so the honeymoon may soon be over, but so far parenting has blown away all other experiences in my life. I still work for the state on policy, science, and management of freshwater resources, and on the side I have also been training to be a mediator/facilitator, for the last seven years. These two worlds have finally come together, as I am currently facilitating my own colleagues in a process to revise a set of water resources regulations in Massachusetts, which I'm finding really rewarding and which provides a whole new lens for coming at issues I've otherwise started to feel a little burned out on. We have no big trips on the horizon, currently, but Elia already loves camping, which

makes us very proud and hopeful for increasingly adventurous activities over the next few years. I look forward to the newsletter and laughing, as I do every year, at my feeling of inadequacy in the face of the vastly intimidating accomplishments and exotic adventures of the FOOT leader clan as a whole Sara

**Katie Michel:** 2013 was quite a year for me....I changed up my personal life and took the wedding ring off my finger. And then this past May I opened a gallery in Manhattan, called Planthouse. Planthouse is located in the flower district, hence the name. We show contemporary art and it is a block from the printing press I have worked at the last 18 years and so I spend my days running back and forth, juggling projects. It is a ton of fun and also a ton of work (<u>planthouse.net</u>). I also serve on the board of Wavehill, a public garden in the Bronx. I am passionate about Wavehill and its mission of connecting people to



nature and I feel that my roots with FOOT in someway helped me get to Wavehill. Here is a recent photo of my two daughters, Sadie (10) and Claire (6) -- they take up the rest of my time! All Best, Katie Michel '93

**Burch and Rachelle LaPrade:** 2013 saw more of the same for the LaPrade household. More hours at the soccer fields, hockey rinks, baseball diamonds, barns, tennis courts, cross-country courses, theater, and piano and guitar practices. More animals in the household: 3 dogs, 2 cats, 20 odd laying hens, 1 horse, and 1 pony. More drivers in the family as Abbott got his school permit (at age 14 1/2 in Iowa!). More clients for Rachelle as she continues to grow her equine veterinary practice. More commute miles for Burch as he drives (and one memorable hot, summer night, ran!) 35 miles to Ames to continue his job at WebFilings.

# Class of 1994

Anne Weil Now living with hubby and 3 kids in Baltimore, MD!

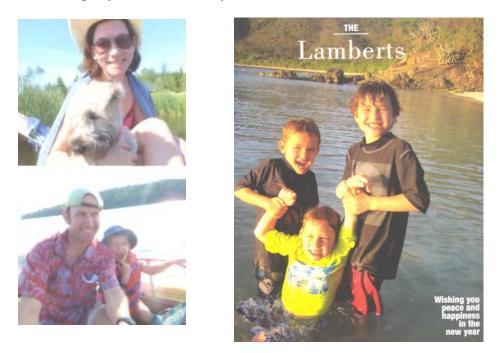
**Julie Püttgen** (TD) ran away & joined the circus, for love. In its current form, the circus involves chaplaincy training at the local big-big research hospital, adjunct teaching at the local small-small liberal arts college, co-leading the Dartmouth Zen Practice, growing food on the former front lawn, and learning how to be more and more interested in things that just show up. I imagine Timothy and I will make our way down from Woodchuckland (aka Lebanon, NH) to the '94 reunion this May. Why not?



**Meg Wickwire** We're well here in Concord, MA--I'm working full-time as a tutor and loving the flexibility. Predictability isn't as strong a point, but it's getting there. Penn is 7 now and a joyful, exuberant little fellow--what luck to land a good one! :)

**Sara (Heitler) Bamberger**: We're still in Berkeley, adjusting to life with five little ones (ages 1, 5, 7, 9 and 10). I am still running my indie Jewish education organization <u>Kevah</u>, which provides educators and administrative to anyone who wants to self-organize a grassroots Jewish study group. Ironically, although we started as being pretty anti-establishment, we're getting pulled into the mainstream, as we are now working with over 20 synagogues, JCCs, and other Jewish organizations around the Bay area and around the country. Our next big expansion city is Boston, so I am looking forward to returning East a few times over the next year. My kids are interested in all sorts of eclectic things: tap dancing, writing superhero stories and cartooning (my eldest boy), eating ice cream and sleeping (my second boy), reading science books and thinking about ways we can conserve water (7 year old daughter), and keeping up with the big kids (the 5 year old). We are all enjoying having baby Talia around as well, and I'm very grateful for our entourage of sibling babysitters when I come home from work exhausted. It would be an understatement to say that 5 kids and running an organization keeps me pretty busy, but our lives are full, if a bit raucous.

**Dave and Emily Lambert** Dave and Emily Lambert and boys (Wendell 10, Charlie 8, and Sam 6) are enjoying life in Rochester NY. We recently moved and our new address is: 3345 Elmwood Ave. Brighton NY 14610 Dave's email is still <u>dlamber2@mail.rochester.edu</u> Look us up if you're ever nearby!



**Geoff Tanner**: Tasha and I are on a year away from Andover. She's on sabbatical; I'm on leave. She and the girls (Haviland, age 3; Hayden, age 2) just got back from 5 months in Germany, and we are all now living in Amherst, MA, while I teach and run a small lab at Mt. Holyoke College.

**Nye Wright:** 2013 was a good one for just keeping on. My daughter, Aurelia is now a year and half old and tons of fun in a 27 pound package. She's also the star of a weekly comic strip I've been doing for the blog of UK Bookseller, Waterstones. I can't remember if I mentioned it last year as it was just around when I started it that you would have written. Anyway, it stars her 5 month old self under her infant code name, Sprout. In it, the great authors of the past travel through a worm hole in space to pitch their work to the reader of the future, Sprout. So far we've had Hemingway, Melville, George Eliot, George RR Martin, JRR Tolkien (as well as Gollum from Lord of the Rings and Tyrion Lannister from Game of Thrones) come visit. Toad of Toad Hall also showed up in the Delorean from Back to the Future. You can read them all here - http://www.waterstones.com/blog/blog/category/sprouts-bookclub/

As far as paying the bills, I just celebrated my 9th retail Christmas with Apple. It's a day job, but it's the best day job I could ever hope to have. In other art news, I've been awarded a grant from Arts Council England to take a sabbatical from my day job with Apple to focus exclusively on the next graphic novel. It's going to be a book that takes place in my adopted UK home, Brighton. Here's a sneak peak from it. My wife, Lyndsay Lucero, a graphic designer and incredible mother is work to balance the exigencies of motherhood and career. We're going to figure that out together this year. That's about it from me. Nye



**Oliver Pierson** My wife Julie, our 3 year old son Zachary and I just finished our first year in Malawi. I'm the Country Director for a \$350 million program funded through the Millennium Challenge Corporation focused on expanding access to electricity and improved management of watersheds critical for hydropower generation. My wife works on HIV/AIDS prevention activities and is preparing for the birth of our second child, a girl, in April 2014. When I can find the time, I enjoy mountain biking, brewing beer, and playing the French horn. My wife will be delivering our second kid in Burlington, Vermont so I 'll be spending a lot of spring 2014 there in case anyone is around. All the best, Oliver.



**Ivan Kerbel** My wife, Eleanor, and I continue to enjoy life in Seattle, home of some decent hiphop acts and a better-than-average football team.

I'm in my second year of organizing The Practice MBA Summer Forum and am truly excited about adding a 7-day <u>Wilderness Skills</u> course, held in conjunction with NOLS, that will give MBAs who are about to start business school a chance to experience a true wilderness setting (Washington's Central Cascade mountains), to learn how to lead overnight backpacking trips, and to acquire a greater appreciation for environmental issues, all while having fun and forming lasting friendships. Now where did I ever get that idea?! ~:^) Please check out our website (<u>www.practicemba.com</u>), and please share this info with any newly-admitted MBAs among your friends and family. We'll be launching an <u>Indiegogo.com</u> crowd-funding campaign later this month, and I'm hoping that Cilla will share that news with you as well!

# Class of 1997

I wanted to report that I hear **Gregory Warner's** voice on NPR all the time as he is currently the East Africa Correspondent. . .

**Dave Lewicki**: I've been the co-pastor (with my partner, Beth) of the North Decatur Presbyterian Church in Decatur, GA since 2010. It's a lively congregation that encourages me to explore the spiritual roots of economic, racial, and environmental justice (in addition to sharing with them in the touchstones of baptizing, marrying, and burying). Our daughter, Margaret, 4, awaits a major surgery on her airway this February, which we hope will be her last. If it goes well, she will be ready to join me and our 6 year-old James in camping forays into the North Georgia mountains. We have loved staying connected with Jon Klein, Greg Nelson & Caitlin Pike, Jesse Heitler, and Rich Frankel and their beautiful families during the summers on a quiet stretch of lakefront in Michigan.

**Gregory Newmark:** I hope all is well with you. Here is our quick update: The Aronson-Newmarks bought a condo in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood. The location is so tucked away down an alley that Google Street View can't find it. Nate turned three. Allegra turned one. Greg left the Regional Transportation Authority for the Center for Neighborhood Technology, a sustainability "think and do" tank, and also teaches a transportation policy class at the University of Chicago.

**Melisssa Lee** We hope all's well with you and FOOT crew. We're still searching for the great outdoors in NYC and have managed to car camp in NY and VT a few times. We're still dreaming of the day we can officially sanction a "kids' tent" –5 is becoming quite a squeeze in our tent these days! We were back in New Haven twice this fall –ran the Labor Day Race with my friend from med school (our annual tradition) and the kids ran as well. Scott and I returned a few weeks ago for a talk honoring a couple from Yale Med—the Gibbs Family. They started the San Francisco Free Clinic. We were able to share some of our experiences in Chinle, AZ as well. We wish you a wonderful 2014!



\* love \* peace \* joy \* Calla (4). Lucas (7). Will (6). Melissa and Scott

Liz Averill I can't remember when I last updated my news with FOOT, but I am now living in Charlottesville, VA with my husband Ben. We have a son who is almost 6 and a daughter who is 2. Just started a new job as the Director of Public Service at UVA School of Law. If anyone is in the area, I would love to connect. <u>646-295-3131</u> or <u>ejaverill@yahoo.com</u> More exciting news is that Leah Kelley just had her first child, a beautiful baby boy named Amon.



**Sarah Fayen Scarlett** I am still living in Michigan's great white north along the banks of Lake Superior, where our normal winter (200+ inches of lake-effect snow) seems to have invaded the rest of the country. Hope you all went and bought snowshoes! My husband Tim and our son Warren (2), who you see here in his favorite Halloween owl costume, keep me busy and feeling wellloved, which I need as I slog away at writing a dissertation. I hope to be done in late 2014, and go on to teach the history of American architecture, design, art, and museum studies. If any of you are looking for an out-of-the-way place for kayaking, camping, and exploring the history of the country's first profitable mining region, come up to Michigan's Keweenaw Peninsula to see me. We have a guest room! Sarah

Gretchen Boger We continue to seek the light in Bryn Mawr, PA, where we still live at the



Baldwin School, the girls' preparatory school where Gretchen is in her second year teaching history. We are living at the school, but we have been looking at homes in the Philadelphia suburbs, daring to imagine that before age forty we might become homeowners after all. None years after beginning seminary, Tom celebrated his full ordination as a deacon in the United Methodist Church in June. Having rejoiced last year in achieving better life-work balance after the brutal ours required in the university world, I lost that ground last fall when I agreed to become department chair in an accreditation year-then learned that an additional 15 new summer admits had been added to my classes. Balance is one again the holy grail, as approaching middle age makes the pace we endured in our 20s and early 30s distinctly less glamorous. May there be unexpected delights in your journey as well. As always, do let us know if that journey brings you near Philadelphia. I am busy trying to find local hiking spots to equal those I gave up in

leaving Colorado Springs for the East Coast but otherwise is happy to be closer to family and friends--and *still* is glad to have traded wildfires for snow, ice and hurricanes, even after the winter of 2013-2014.

Andrew Bonney I am in my seventh year as VP Planning at Cape Air, the commuter airline based on Cape Cod. We now serve 43 destinations in the Northeast, Caribbean, Midwest, Montana and Micronesia, so I travel a lot and derive considerable satisfaction connecting small communities with the national air transportation system. I live in the seaside town of Marion, Massachusetts with my wife, Christina (ES' 99) and our two children, Clara, 6, and Charles, 3. Life on the home front is in fact so good that out of a desire to give back to our country in appreciation for all the blessings in my life, in September 2012 I accepted a commission as a First Lieutenant in the Air National Guard, and graduated from Officer Training School at Maxwell AFB in May 2013. I am now a Medical Service Corps Officer in the 102d Intelligence Wing at Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod. Serving in the Air Guard has been a fantastic life adventure, which I recommend to anyone so inclined.

**Megan Campisi** I spent the fall in China, where I collaborated with a Shanghai theater company to present the latest play I wrote, *The Subtle Body*, at the Shanghai Dramatic Art Centre ACT Festival. The show made the Shanghai nightly news (in a good way). Here's the link: <u>http://et.21cn.com/video/yy/ychxch/a/2013/1107/14/24901680.shtml</u> I'm also starting to teach acting at Yale this semester in the undergrad theater department. Very excited to be back.

**Jeffrey Grigg** 2014 is going to be a big year for us. I will graduate from the University of Wisconsin (Ph.D., Sociology) and take a to-be-determined academic job in a to-be-determined location. And most importantly, our Maggie—who will be two in February—is excited to become a big sister in March!

**Micah Jacobs** We are doing great here in Dallas. I'm on staff at Children's doing the pediatric urology thing and Paula is in the ICU at UT. We are expecting a baby girl in April. Our first. We're very excited and will certainly pass on pics when the little one arrives.

**Kate Koplan** My husband, Gregg, and I have relocated to Atlanta, GA for a great job opportunity and to be closer to family. Cooper, our 3 yr old Golden Retriever, is enjoying the nearby Parks almost as much as we are. If you're ever down in HTL, give a holler! <u>kkoplan@gmail.com</u> Thnx!



Lucy Schaeffer Here's a recent family pic of me and my husband, Michael, with our two girls Georgia (4 1/2) and Annie (1). We're in Brooklyn enjoying the challenges and joys that come along with life with small children. I'm still working as a freelance photographer, mainly shooting stories for magazines like Parents, House Beautiful & Martha Stewart as well as food for various cookbooks and the occasional advertising job. Last summer our oldest daughter discovered a love of camping after her first overnight in a tent (next to my parents house) so we're hopeful that someday soonish we'll get back out there a bit more than we've been able to in the past few years! Cheers, Lucy

**Argo Caminis**: I had a monthly moment of FOOT appreciation earlier this fall when, on a car camping trip in Maine with the AMC (Appalachian Mountain Club), I realized how straightforward car camping (with tent, nearby outhouse with shower(?!), pre-built fire pits) is compared to tarping and backpacking it the way we did in the good ol' days. As someone who did not grow up camping, I continue to be grateful for all that and who FOOT introduced me to through the years. Speaking of which, for those of you passing through Cambridge, MA, please drop a line so we can reconnect! My email is the same as it will always be: <a href="mailto:argo@aya.yale.edu">argo@aya.yale.edu</a>.

**Emilie Hitch**: Hello from Phnom Penh! I'm currently on a Strategy Fellowship at a social innovation lab in Cambodia. I'm conducting fieldwork with rural farmers as well as helping with business and brand development for our little start-up lab. If anyone is passing through SE Asia in the next year, please say hello at <u>emilie@thinkersandmakers.com</u> and I'd of course love to give you a tour off the beaten path! xoxo Em

**Jacob Heitler**: My update is that Rachel and I had our first child on Oct 25, 2013, a happy healthy baby girl named Orly Binah Heitler. Orly means "my light" and Binah is a feminine form of wisdom, often translated as understanding or intuition. She's a real charmer and between Xmas and New Years she had her first visit to the Colorado mountain air (and snow). I think we've got another outdoor adventurer in the making. I'm very much looking forward to Orly being old enough for me to drag around on my bike.





Beyond Orly, I'm now working as the head of product for a new venture associate with NASDAQ call the NASDAQ Private Market which we're hoping will launch early next year as soon as we get all of our regulatory processing complete. It's a broker-dealer network for companies and their employees to transact in private securities. We're living in Berkeley, CA which is an amazing corner of the world, and if anyone passes through the Bay Area, please give a holler.

All the best to Cilla and everyone! - Jacob

**Jed Herrmann**: I'm living in Washington, DC where I work in the Obama administration at the Corporation for National and Community Service, the federal agency that runs AmeriCorps and Senior Corps. My eldest son Jack is 3, my younger son Alex is 1.5 and I've got another on the way in this summer. Would be fun to connect with other Footies in the DC area.

**Laura Haverland**: We just got an early Christmas present of 3 new beautiful cows - hopefully a few more will join them before the end of the year and by March we'll be making cheese and yogurt in our new creamery. Watch out for Sweet & Salty Farm's world domination of artisanal dairy products! We're also busy entertaining our 13-month-old daughter, Annie, who will probably be begging for us to move back to New York City by the time she's old enough to realize the fate she was born into with her insane parents.

**Melissa Garcia**: I'm happy to report that FOOT connections know no bounds – we regularly get to hang with **Asa Pikaya** and his family all over the neighborhood and **Elisabeth Jacobs'** daughter goes to preschool with mine! Our younger is too little for school but not too small to climb everything in his way—and he can barely walk—a sure sign of a FOOT leader in training. As many folks know, work+kids leave very little time for outdoor pursuits but we've come to embrace our circus-sized tent and Coleman stove and try to sleep out under the stars from time to time.

# Class of 2001

Andy Hung: please note new email: andyhung101@gmail.com

Hi Feet! Here's a quick update. Libby and I are still in Chicago, and it's just as balmy as your Facebook friends have implied. I'm particularly excited about the new mobile accelerator I've been working on called Brands+Startups, which will host some public events over the summer if you happen to be in town (details on the Heartland Mobile Council website). Also applying those Six Pack Annie-honed drumming skills in my top 40 cover band "Slap Happy" - we got to share the stage with childhood heroes 10,000 Maniacs last summer, and will be playing events frequently throughout the year. Hope everyone is well and smiling!

**Shana Segal** We are still living and working in Philadelphia. Shana is a pediatrician and Eli is an attorney. We have two sons: a 3 year old named Micah, and a 3 week old named Asher.

**Lindsey Tucker** Hello you wonderful people - just seeing your names makes me happy. I'm still splitting my time between Boston and Burlington, with significantly more time in Vermont these days working on health care reform. Please let me know if you're in the neighborhood; I'd love to get out of the office and play with you.

**Sarah Stehli Howell:** My husband, Lucius, and I welcomed W. Hunt Howell in 2013 and made a big move from New Orleans to Chapel Hill, NC. Lucius is doing a cardiology fellowship at UNC and I am taking a year off of architecting to hang with Lu2, now 3 1/2, and Hunt. Having moved here mid-summer, we enjoyed a wonderfully long fall with lots of camping, hiking and fishing in the beautiful mountains of North Carolina. Very happy to have landed in such a great region of the country.

**Lydia Pace:** My husband, Erik and I are back in Rwanda, pretty much full time since July, living in the rural northwest of the country with Celia, our now-10-month-old. I'm doing breast cancer clinical care and research and working in the Women's Health Program for Partners in Health. We still really love living and working here, but are contemplating a return to the U.S. later this year. I hope that will mean I get to reconnect more with old friends, including this great FOOT community.

**Erik German**: Erik German, here. I'm living in Ditmas Park, Brooklyn, with my wife, Solana Pyne, and our 1-year-old daughter Sophia. We have another little girl due to arrive in June. I'm working as a producer for the Retro Report documentary series, which runs weekly on the New York Times website.

**Sarah Ichioka:** Happy Lunar New Year! My husband Jack is leading his company's development in SE Asia, so we decided rather spontaneously to spend my maternity leave (the generous EU allocation of up to a full year) as a family adventure based in Singapore. Our

daughter Sei was born here in September. I miss aspects of London (particularly its diverse and unbridled cultural offer), but January is a lovely time to be here: relatively cool and breezy weather, with vivid red and gold decorations and mandarin orange trees everywhere, and everyone in a festive and friendly mood. We are also fortunate that Emilie Hitch is also in the region this year (on a fellowship in Phnom Penh); she was with us for Thanksgiving, and I'm looking forward to more visits back and forth as the year unfolds.

**Marc Ruben:** I've been living in Somerville, MA for the last few years. Married Joanna Lydgate (Lynwood Place '03) four years ago and now we've got two kiddos. Still running online campaigns for nonprofits – 8 frickin years in the same job, from Brooklyn to Oakland to here. I'm a company man, apparently. Playing lots of improvised children's songs; not getting a lot of sleep; feeling good.

Asher Price: I continue to cover the environmental beat for the daily newspaper in Austin and am just finishing up a book about the history and science of jumping. Meanwhile, Rebecca's taken over the editorship of a journal called American Short Fiction, and I help out with that where I can. In our free time we throw objects to our monkey-faced dog and watch reruns of The West Wing. Last summer my book The Great Texas Wind Rush, about pioneers and politics in the Texas wind industry, was published by UT Press. If any Footies are coming through Central Texas, lemme know!

**Matthew Kerner:** My wife Laura and I are expecting a baby girl, whose due date is actually today – no sign yet though. We live in Seattle, where I work on Windows Azure at Microsoft, and she works on global health & vaccine discovery.

**Edward West:** 2013 was a big year-- I am putting the finishing touches on one project: Impact Hub Oakland <u>oakland.impacthub.net</u> - a co-working space and community center in Oakland that is part of a whole-block "Urban Innovation Cluster" we are creating in Oakland. . . and just starting pilot launches of "Hylo" <u>www.hylo.com</u> - a social network that turns communities-of-purpose into collaborative, resource-sharing webs... and just beginning a third: BlueSprout: a 7-acre warehouse complex in Oakland that combines live-work housing, a maker space, a community-funded startup accelerator, and a vocational school. Come visit sometime and see all the cool stuff happening in Oakland!

**Gwyn Welles:** I had quite a 2013! Finished business school at Columbia, married Ben Gray (TD '01) -Liza's daughter was our flower girl, and started working at Google, overseeing the company's in-house YouTube channels. Ben and I are living in NYC and enjoying our urban existence with escapes to nature whenever possible. Attached is a photo from our wedding.



**Ally Brundige** writes that she is serving as Chaplain/teacher/soccer coach at Choate in Wallingford, CT. She was ordained to the Holy Order of Deacons this December (the kids call her Chappy B, though she's technically "the Rev. B." now). Ally will likely be ordained Priest in September.

**Curt Ellis** has had a busy year getting to know his new son, Oliver Barnes Ellis, and leading FoodCorps, a nationwide AmeriCorps program that connects kids to real food and helps them grow up healthy.

**Josh Zaharoff** finished clerking for a judge and started a job as an associate attorney at the Environmental Law & Policy Center, based in Chicago, doing -- you guessed it -- environmental law and policy work. He and his wife are expecting our first child in under a month. The due date is Super Bowl Sunday, and he is hoping his/her first words are "Go Pats."

**Saamra Mekuria-Grillo** got engaged in October. After a little over a year in LA, she and her fiancé have decided to move back to San Francisco, where she will be starting in mid-February. Saamra is working for an education nonprofit in the Bay Area, and her fiancé is at Facebook, so Saamra writes, "we are happy to be moving closer to work as well as friends. Looking forward to seeing other FOOT alums in the Bay Area soon!"

As for me, **Georgina Cullman**, It's been a banner year. My daughter, Hazel Minnick Berry, was born on April 2, 2013. I finally finished my doctorate, and am now a postdoctoral fellow at the American Museum of Natural History's Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, where I do research on the social context of biodiversity conservation.

#### Class of 2003

**Chris Heaney:** After an adventure in Peru in 2012-2013, 2014 finds Hannah and I back in Austin, writing and working, and taking all comers. This January, 2014, Aaron Jakes, Julie Stein and I — '03 historians all; are there others out there? — met up in DC for a soulful dinner. Miss you all, and hope to see you soon.

**Sasha Waring:** I had another son, Tejas, nine months ago, bringing the running total to two. I'm nearly finished with child psychiatry fellowship at UCSF and starting to figure out what I will do next. I've been spending as much time as possible running on the trails in and near San Francisco, and made it through my first 50km trail race in the Marin Headlands in December. Though I haven't had time or logistics to make a FOOT-like multiday trip in the woods these last few years, I definitely am enjoying getting dirty outside as often as I can, and sharing the trails with my little ones in the hopes that they will one day carry the heavy bags out there for me.



**Ed Dietrich:** Happy New Year FOOT! In April 2013 I got married to Barrie McClune in SF, with Maggie Dietrich, Gabe Greenberg, Billy Parish, Becca Falik, and Matt Pasternack in attendance. And in November I ran into

Jihan Quail on the beaches of Thailand! The world is small; the FOOT family is big.



**Ming Thompson** is an architect living in Oakland. She and a partner just started their own architecture and design firm, called Atelier Cho Thompson. She and her husband Dan recently adopted an adorable rescue puppy named Bear.

**Maddy Fleisher** '04 had an eventful year, starting a new job and having a baby within three months. The baby, Henry (Hank), made his appearance two weeks early -- perhaps anticipating that it would be funny to defy his parents' carefully researched conclusion that there was only a five percent chance he would be born while they were in the middle of repainting their entire house. However, he turns out to be more than cute and charming enough to get away with such behavior, and has limited his subsequent evil baby schemes to swatting Mom and Dad in the face and trying to eat his own feet despite strict instructions to the contrary. Meanwhile, Maddy has resumed her environmental law practice, now at the private firm Hogan Lovells rather than at DOJ, and continues to enjoy the esoteric delights of statutes such as CERCLA and the Clean Air Act. Maddy's outdoors time has unfortunately been limited mostly to walking Henry along the creek at the end of the block, but she looks forward to carrying out her plan with fellow FOOT

alum **Amy Kohout** '04 to introducing Henry to more adventurous hiking experiences as soon as he's up for it, and is already teaching him "I Met a Bear."

# Class of 2005

**Aaron Mitchell** I'm still in Durham, finishing the last year of my residency in internal medicine at Duke. I'll be here for at least a little while longer since I will stay on as a chief resident next year, but the chances of becoming a Duke "lifer" are pretty good. Not the hardest transition to make, coming from Yale; everyone here also wears dark blue t-shirts with 4 white letters emblazoned across the front. Aaron

**Edward Pritchett** Just wanted to let you know that I am getting married to Rebecca Cortes on January 4th, 2014. There will be quite a few Yalies in attendance, Brendan Kearney and Yusef Syed are two of my groomsmen and **Alistair Reader**, **Jehon Favors**, Evan Cougennour, Robert Ringman, Rebecca Ives, Nick Friend are planning on being there. Just wanted to share the good news. Eddie

**Katie Baker** I love getting these FOOT updates because everyone is doing such cool stuff all around the world. Not that I'm at all surprised!! As for me, I'm living in San Francisco and working as a staff writer for Grantland.com, a sports and culture site owned by ESPN. In 2013 my work took me from Ufa, Russia to Kearney, Nebraska and, most importantly, allowed me to cover the Yale Bulldogs winning the men's hockey NCAA title! Hope to run into as many FOOTies as possible in 2014 -- if anyone ever finds themselves in SF please holler! All my best, Katie

**Mike Dunbar** I have been enjoying my continued career as a middle school teacher and coach here in the DFW area of north Texas - it is what I was made for! I also was made for being a dad which I now enjoy daily after the arrival of Joel Phipps Dunbar on 1/27/13. He has already been overseas and camping often with us as we indoctrinate him to the outdoors little by little. Here is a picture of our family this Christmas. Thanks! Mike



Lee Stabert I live in South Philadelphia with my fiance and an asthmatic cat named Doug. For the last year, I've been working for a Detroit-based online media company called Issue Media Group, editing both a Philly-centric publication (Flying Kite Media) and a statewide version (Keystone Edge) focused on urban life, startups, innovation and other good stuff. My fiance is getting his PhD in History from Princeton, and I try not to hold it against him. Besides the wedding in June, the most exciting thing we have going on is the impending purchase of a new (to us; it was built in 1910) rowhome in the Bella Vista neighborhood. I'm very much looking forward to life with a dishwasher. Lee

**Will Garneau** Like many other former FOOT leaders, I decided to pursue medicine after Yale and am now in my third year at UNC in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. This year I have been on rotations at different hospitals around the state including six weeks in Asheville, NC where I managed to go on a couple hikes. My plan is to do a master's in public health at UNC this coming year before graduating and starting residency. Any FOOTies visiting Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill shouldn't hesitate to be in touch. Thanks, Will

Baily Blair Kempner (This is from her family's holiday card!)



# Class of 2006

**David Lieberman** has been busy making mibblets at Mibblio! That's his music-apps-for-kids startup, which creates musically interactive iPad storybook apps. He has also been recording a new album with his band.

**Becky Levy** reports: "Some big milestones recently. I finished my phd about a year ago and am doing an extra year of research before I return to complete medical school January. Part of the year off was to welcome Marcus, future footie in 2031. He already likes pooping in the woods and knows how to say oomgala!"

**Brandon Berkeley Middaugh** went hiking and adventuring in Europe for the summer then started a new job at SunEdison, a solar project developer in the Bay Area. She currently lives in a cabin in Woodside, California, with her husband Mark and canine FOOT mascot Annie -- and occasional coyote sightings provide a dose of wilderness here in Silicon Valley. She often sees **Claire Gagne** in San Francisco for urban hikes and sustainable food gatherings with Good Eggs, the online farmers market venture where she works.

**Danielle Lovell** has been "living the life in Vancouver, and swinging my way to large concentrations of Yalies whenever I can, most recently in September to see **Aaron Zelinsky** and **William Niebling**. She also made my her to Brandon Middaugh's wedding last summer as well.

And **Dawn Lippert** reports that: "The only news is that we released a new video for my company that revealed my environmental nerdiness even as a little kid (<u>energyexcelerator.com</u>), and I've gotten to work on clean energy in some awesome places this year (Austin, Fiji, San Francisco, Chiang Mai - where I'm writing from now)."

Jonathan Davenport I recently moved into a 200 year old house on the outskirts of Philadelphia with my girlfriend Cecilia and our two cats, Ziggy and Mr. President. Despite our Philadelphia address, deer and rabbits make tracks in the snowy yard, and the straightest path to the train station is through the woods. The owner of the property already maintains a small orchard of peach trees here, and I am contemplating starting a market garden. Mainly I am working as the co-bandleader and bass player for the Perseverance Jazz Band, a traditional jazz band I started in 2010. Last Spring I made my first trip back to Yale since graduating when the band got booked to play for the Yale Swing Society, where we played an unforgettable late night blues dance in the Planetarium. It felt pretty great to show off the school to my bandmates and to once again appreciate its beauty without the pressure of being a student. The band stays busy playing weddings and events, and I'm planning swing dance tours to the Midwest and Southeast this year. In November, Perseverance Jazz Band released it's first record, Hard Times Come Again No More. I'd love it if you took a listen! For those with more of an indie rock inclination, I recently began playing and touring with Buried Beds, who also have a great new album, and have toured with the likes of Dr. Dog. I'd love to reconnect with more folks from Yale- if you're ever coming through Philly, there's plenty of room in my house. Email me at jonathan.davenport@gmail.com.

**Tasha Eccles** This was the year of FOOT-related adventures for me, planned and otherwise. In June I planned a decadent solo trip to Paris to attend a conference. As it turned out, Caroline Howe, Anny Gaul, and Annie Galvin were all there at the same time. We sipped rosé by the Seine and sweated out our cares in a Turkish hammam. In August Robin Pearce and I hiked a section of the Lost Coast Trail in Northern California – which is just as remote and mysterious as it sounds. Undaunted by myriad threats to our health and safety – ubiquitous poison oak we never quite learned to identify, high tides that made the trail impassable at times, and (we learned on the drive to the trailhead) a murderer on the loose – we had an incredible time. And this fall I met Robin and Austin Kilaru in San Francisco for a delicious meal. In the meantime I've been preparing for my oral exam in English, focused on the development of suspense techniques in the late eighteenth century, which means I get to read books with titles like *The Impenetrable Secret*, *Find it Out*!



Annie Galvin I'm trucking along with my PhD in English at UVA and escaping the library / coffee shop scene whenever possible to explore the world and the great outdoors. I was lucky enough to spend some quality time in Paris this summer with wonder women Tasha Eccles, Anny Gaul, and Caroline Howe, and I just spent a month in Ireland teaching and researching. I'm attempting to train for a 10-mile race but fear that spending 10 days at South By Southwest just prior to the race will throw me off course. Look me up if you're around Charlottesville!

Anny Gaul In a last-minute decision designed to confuse everyone she knows, and also to convince the neighbors that she's actually a secret agent, Anny moved from Jordan to Egypt in June 2013. She was settling in to Cairo life quite nicely when a military coup occurred, resulting in her prompt evacuation to Paris. Fortunately, just then, fellow FOOT leaders Caroline Howe, Tasha Eccles, and Annie Galvin ALL simultaneously converged on the City of Light for the greatest unplanned FOOT reunion in living history. Picnics, mid-bike-ride-gelatos, poetry readings, and Moroccan tea followed. After a month of Parisian evacu-cation Anny returned to Cairo where she continues to study Arabic and is laying the groundwork for a dissertation on food, medicine, and Arabic literature. In her spare time she brews cocktails based on the flavors found in 1001 Nights in an effort to improve the quality of the mixed drinks scene in Cairo. Highlights of the year included hiking the mountain where Aaron, brother of Moses, was buried, and floating in both the Dead and Red Seas. Plans are to be back in the DC area Fall 2014. Any FOOT leaders in and around the Middle East should definitely drop her a line!

Paige Rossetti Henchen Happy New Year all! My big news from 2013 was getting married in

October to my husband Mike. Otherwise I'm still living and working in San Francisco. 2013 was a good year for getting outdoors, probably one of my best ever. Mike and I went backpacking in Hetch Hetchy in Yosemite National Park in May. We bought a whisperlite camping stove for this trip, and it brought back a lot of great memories from FOOT meals. (Delicious plus delicious equals delicious!!!) I got a camping cookbook as a Christmas gift from my Mom so maybe we'll be trying out some new recipes. We also hiked my first "fourteener" in Colorado, Quandary Peak. (A "fourteener" is a mountain in the US over 14,000 feet in elevation) The attached picture is from the summit of Quandary Peak. Finally, we made an attempt at climbing Mt. Rainier in Washington. We didn't reach the top but it was a wonderful challenge. I'm hoping to be outdoors even more in 2014, taking advantage of the beautiful Bay Area. If you're in the area and interested in a hike, please drop me a line at paigehenchen@gmail.com.



Austin Kilaru Hello FOOT! 2014 promises to be a year of change for me. I'll graduate from medical school and potentially leave my beloved Philadelphia for residency in emergency medicine. Tasha and Robin did their best to convince me to move to San Francisco by providing me with the best vegetarian sushi in the galaxy. Hope everyone is well, and look me up if you come through Philly!

**Rebecca Livengood** I'm living and clerking in Philly until August, when I'll be moving up to New York for more clerking. Great recent hikes include Park City (for fanciness), Rocky Mountain National Park (for breathtaking, punch-in-the-gut beauty), and Torrey Pines (for a well-concealed and then all-too-poorly-concealed nude beach). Have also been seeing a bit of Philly FOOT alum Lee Stabert.

**Jane Gallaudet Wilson** I am married to a Mr. Eli Wilson, so now am Jane Gallaudet Wilson, which is strange enough. I am working as nurse practitioner in primary care, still in Maine, and surviving a long, dark winter of cheese and root vegetables.

# Class of 2008

**Olga Berlinsky**: 2013 has found me doing lots of studying and traveling. I am in year 3 of the Joint MBA/ MPP program at Harvard and am continuing to love Boston, where Red Sox fans and former FOOT leaders compete for who is louder and more fun (I think we win). I spent the summer here and learned to sail. Also, this year saw lots of travels during time off from school, including a safari in South Africa, a school project in India, beer at Oktoberfest in Munich, tapas in Spain, desert hiking in Turkey, backpacking through Patagonia, and hiking the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. One of the coolest experiences was running into a fellow FOOT leader in Patagonia (current Yale senior). Hope everyone is doing well, and do hit me up if you find yourself in Boston!

**Beau Babst**: I'm living in New Orleans in a house I bought and renovated and **Spencer Sherman** is my roommate. I spend my days building apps for my own app company, BeauxApps, and working for a medical software start-up. BeauxApps is launching its first branded app for iPhone in 12 days -- download it and rate it! Shameless plug -- check out <u>www.beauxapps.com</u> for more info. If you're in New Orleans on March 1st (basically Mardi Gras) come by my house for a crawfish boil. I'm also the President of the Yale Alumni Association of Louisiana, so things are about to get a lot more fun for Yalies in the region -- we have our own Mory's Cup! I also do a bit of mentoring at a social entrepreneurship incubator, tutoring in the community, and eating of Vietnamese food. A lot of Vietnamese food.

**Haley Billipp**: I am living and working on my family's farm in Newington, CT (just outside of Hartford) with my husband Andy. We're getting the hang of the farming thing, raising vegetables and pork for the fine folks of central CT and expanding our skills and knowledge each year. We are taking a vacation to Mexico with **Daniel Weisfield** (FOOT '07) and his wife Atara next week, and then it's back to the seasonal grind. Regular visitors at the farm include **Caroline Howe** (FOOT '07) and **Angel Hertslet** (FOOT '08.) **Mila Hickenbottom** (FOOT '07) has made the trip from CA a few times, and we even had current student **Juliet Ryan** (FOOT '16?) through for Thanksgiving! If anyone else is in the area and wants a cooler place to stay than someone's floor in the 'Have, don't be shy!

**Geoff Calkins**: I'm in New York City. I'm working on a healthcare technology startup called Flatiron Health. Life is awesome.

**Laura Chandhok**: **Greg** & I are still living in Boston, though we have moved across the river to Cambridge. Greg started his MBA at Harvard, and I'm still working at Boston Children's Hospital. The best part about living in Cambridge is that we live 2 blocks away from **Annie** 

**Hirschhorn**! Also, we have an extra bedroom and welcome any FOOT visitors who are not allergic to cats.

**Bevan Dowd**: Life is great out here in Berkeley; I'm currently in the midst of my second year in law school, and it's tough to complain when I can go hiking in Point Reyes pretty much any weekend I want. I've done a little bit of travelling this year, too – I spent the winter holidays scuba diving in Thailand, which was...awesome. It's looking like I'm getting teed up to live out here in the Bay Area long term, so let me know if you are around!

**Pat Grimm**: The biggest news I have is that I matched to the orthopaedic surgery program at Walter Reed so I'll be in the DC area for the next six years. Let me know when you're in town!

**Anna Grotberg**: I find myself back in London after finishing up at Yale SOM -- just couldn't stay away from the rain and fog! I am still in education, though this time playing the consultant role. There is always a spare pull-out couch for a fellow FOOT leader and plenty of great ambling hikes in the countryside. Sending you all my love from across the pond.

**Angel Herslet**: The Circle of Life - after a year and a half in rural Haiti, I'm back at Yale a third time. I'm in the "5-year" undergrad/FES program with big plans to complete the Masters in 10 years. I've got an extra bedroom at my place, so if anything brings you to New Haven, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

**Annie Hirschhorn**: I moved to Boston this fall to pursue a master's in effective teaching through Match Education, a local charter school network. I love living in Cambridge, not least of all for the many wonderful FOOT folk who live close by! I haven't really gotten reacquainted with the New England outdoors yet but am hoping to do lots of hiking and camping this summer.

**Andrew Karlin**: I will be graduating from Wharton in a few months and will be heading back to NYC for work in finance from July 2014 onwards. Looking forward to seeing all the NYers and going on some hikes during the weekend.

**Reilly Kayser**: I'm in my last year of med school at Georgetown and just finished interviewing for psychiatry residencies. I had a blast traveling around the US for interviews and ran into plenty of FOOT folks along the way - I slept under **Molly Brett's** dining room table for nearly a month (some things never change), had a series of mini-reunions with **Tom Schnitzer**, **Annie Hirschhorn**, **Peter Bull** and **Greg Lipstein** in Boston, and ran into **Mimi Levine**, who is also becoming a psychiatrist, along the interview trail. I'm not sure yet where I'll end up next year, but I'm excited to get started! Until then, let me know if you're in the DC area - I'd love to catch up.

**Lynn McGregor**: Hi FOOT! It was so great to see a lot of you at the '08 reunion! I have lots of big plans for 2014. I am planning to finish my PhD in chemical biology this spring. **Dave Lyons** and I are getting married in August, and then we are planning to move to the Bay Area. Dave wants to parlay this into a cross country drive. Any suggestions about places to visit along the way? On a related note, if fall has any of you moving to Cambridge, MA and you think you might want my apartment, let me know!

**Priya Prasad**: I am still working for Morgan Stanley, but am now in Boston doing Fixed Income Sales. I also just started an executive MBA program at Columbia so I am down in NYC every

other weekend. I'm loving the active New England lifestyle and have just started skiing in an attempt to cope with the weather. Would love to reconnect with fellow FOOT leader so please look me up if you're in Boston either permanently or for the weekend!

**Spencer Sherman**: I'm still working as a dean/teacher in New Orleans. **Beau Babst** is now my roommate and, somewhat bizarrely, landlord. And while I haven't cleared this with Beau, I'm pretty sure anyone from FOOT who's interested in checking out Mardi Gras can come crash with us. Come down!

**Daniel Turner-Evans**: After years of CA dreaming, I have returned to the East Coast and am now researching fruit fly brains in VA and exploring the DC area. I miss mountains dearly, but have plans to head to Denali this summer to get my fix.

**Mackenzie Wehner**: My year has been mainly taken over by applying to residency in dermatology (my future location TBD on March 21st). I did get some great backpacking in this summer, though - the Rae Lakes Loop in Sequoia/King's Canyon is absolutely fantastic. Attached is a photo of that trip with one of my go-to FOOT shirts. I don't know what I'll do for backpacking apparel when all my FOOT shirts eventually wear out!



Class of 2009

**Ian Dull** Ian Dull is in Paris, like a wanna-be Frenchman, living *la vie bohème*--crazy artist roommates included. He is teaching at a University and working at UNESCO in the conservation of archaeological and architectural sites in Central and South Asia. He may be moving to Denmark and would love to see any FOOT people there or in Paris if there are any. Visitors equally welcome. Much love.

**Genna Braverman** After living in New York for four years, I moved out to California in August to start med school at Stanford. I've enjoyed getting to know the west coast and have had fun backpacking in Kings Canyon and hiking locally. Would love to see any FOOT leaders in the area!

**Edwina Clarke** and **Tom Gilliland** got engaged in November 2013! They are living together in LA for the year.

Marisa Reisman also got engaged this winter to Levon Kololyan! They live together in NYC.

**Rachel Cohen** My big news is I recently got engaged! After 5+ years, Dan Kanter and I are engaged and will be getting married later this summer! Next year we'll be moving to Miami for one year for Danny to work for a Federal Judge. I'll be working in educational non-profits. And after Miami, off to DC for the foreseeable future. Excited about all the changes to come. Much love and Happy New Year to all!

**Aidan Mckinlay** Aidan is in her third year of dental school at UPenn. She is very glad that she is only 1.5 years away from her DMD! She is applying this year for Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery Residency Programs--fingers crossed! Her hope is to start residency immediately following dental school but her Navy dental school scholarship makes residency logistics a bit difficult. She is staying positive, working hard, and spending as much time as she can in the operating room. After August, she will have no more written dental school exams and would love to host anyone in the Philly area and make time to go on some awesome outdoor adventures :-)

**Lizzie Fulton** i've been in new york the last two years, living in brooklyn and working at the open society foundations on china and north korea. i'll be going to law school in the fall, but the exact place is TBD!

**Jon Wu** Hey kiddies, Still in Boston doing the finance thang and living part-time in Dallas. Applying to b-school and trying to figure life out. Hope everyone's having fun adventures, and drop me a line if any of you're ever in either town! J Dub

**Mara Harwel** I've just moved back to New Orleans with fellow FOOT leader Jasper Frank and our new puppy, Delta. I work for a brand-new graduate school of education called Relay GSE. Jasper and I are always happy to have visitors!

**Colin Campbell** Last year, I moved from Baltimore, MD and am now in Santa Monica, CA! I took a job as a Product Manager for a software company, Cornerstone OnDemand. If you're in Los Angeles let me know!

Laura Zatz: I'm still living in DC and working on obesity prevention policy at the Bipartisan Policy Center. A highlight of the year was going on Birthright with **Ross Kennedy-Shaffer** ('08) and leading a rousing rendition of Ride that Pony with multiple Birthright trips in Jerusalem. Looking forward to seeing all the 09ers at the reunion!

Ali Seitz Hi! I'm still living in NYC, and attending medical school next year.

**Stella Powell-Jones** I'm still living in New York but about to head to Dallas, TX for two months to work on a new musical. If anyone has any local recommendations, please share..! This Summer I'll be in the Berkshires, directing a play outdoors in Williamstown . It's a beautiful spot if anyone finds themselves close...come visit! Love!

Gregor Nazarian I finished up an MA in Arab Studies at Georgetown last year (having

overlapped with FOOT friend Anny Gaul in the program). I went out to San Francisco for a few months on a curriculum development contract, and now (since January) I'm back in DC working on a new Arab cultural/educational space and looking for a bike that's charming enough to love but ugly enough not to be stolen.

**Xan White** News item: Jess (Zvara, Yale '09 but sadly not FOOT) and I are engaged and super excited about it. I'm living in Denver until August, clerking for a judge and trying to drown myself in green chile. Call if you're in town and we'll climb mountains.

**Avani Dholakia** I'm finally done with school!!! This is a more exciting update than my past contributions. I'm graduating medical school from Johns Hopkins this year. To add to the fun, I'm marrying Sandesh Rao, a Maryland native and classmate of mine in medical school on April 20th of this year, heading back to Yale for our 5th year reunion in May, and then traveling to China with friends in June prior to starting a residency in radiation oncology at the end of June. I've seen several of my Footies and the wonderful FOOT leaders Joe Hsu and Aaron Zelinsky this year, but I hope to see more of you all in 2014 either through the Yale Reunion or in Baltimore if anyone is visiting or passing through here. Much love to you all, and best wishes for 2014.

# **Rob Martinez**

In 2013, I:

- Started <u>my own business</u> with Matthew Du Pont (Yale BK '10): we help design engineers at hardware companies find manufacturers for their custom mechanical parts.
- Cooked ~95% of my meals: for anyone who knew my eating habits in college, that is a huge development). Would highly recommend anyone to looking to improve their health, save money, and/or pickup a lifetime hobby.
- Lived/worked from an <u>icelandic cargo ferry</u>: as the link shows, it's a complicated situation, but definitely worth being involved with.

If anyone's in SF, let me know so we can catch up!

**DaShawn Hickman** I'm in an MD/PhD program at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, OH. I've completed the first 2yrs of Medical School and I'm now in my first year of PhD in Biomedical Engineering. My research focuses on making synthetic platelets to stop internal bleeding after trauma.

**Matthew Bressler and Becca Levenson** Big FOOT wedding last year between Becca and I (on a farm no doubt). 2 other FOOT '09 in the wedding party (Dave Wheelock and Margaret Plouffe) in addition to a number of others in attendance! Now we're both in Philly - I'm in the first year of an MBA program at Wharton and Becca is doing a judicial clerkship here as well. Happy to take anyone on a cheesesteak tour if they are ever in town!

**Max Kramer** I am...working for a small software company in NYC, but have been living somewhat bi-coastally since my girlfriend moved to Seattle last June. My company is really remote-friendly, so I've spent a week or two every month there since. I hear they have nice mountains and things in the region, so if any fellow FOOT folk are around I'd love to meet up on the trails, slopes, or bars! (Yes, on the bars.)

**Jon DiMaio** A little update: for the last two years I've been between Boston and New York working on independent film sets and as an assistant to a couple of directors. I've also been

spending time in the Dominican Republic helping develop Yspaniola, a non-profit started by a group of Yalies a few years ago (one of whom is fellow FOOT leader Gerald McElroy!). Other FOOT-related updates: I had the fortune of spending January with Claire Bucholz, who's closing in on her PhD in igneous and metamorphic petrology and geochemistry at MIT. We were in Southeastern California's Piute Mountains running a geology field camp for MIT undergraduates. It was basically a month-long FOOT trip, except with MIT students--who were great--so a bit more sci-fi discussion than I was used to. On my way back East, I passed through Denver and saw Ben Temple and Xan White, who are both doing well. Pics of both adventures attached!



Adedana Ashebir Let's see.-- Graduated from the School of Forestry in May, moved back to the DC area in September. Focusing now on building my travel writing/journalism career. If in DC, give a shout! Plan is to be at the reunion- who's bringing the gorp?

Severin Knudsen I am currently in my 3rd year of Vet school at Virginia Tech and my wife Emily is in her 3rd year of Med school at UVA. The great think about Virginia is we have access to the outdoors whenever we want and regularly hike/backpack/camp throughout Virginia and West Virginia. The downside is we seem to be far away from all our Yale friends. Due to school commitments the rest of my life is not all that exciting. I work part time on the side for Starr Hill Brewery and make my own beer at home but the rest of my time is devoted to studying or commuting back and forth between Blacksburg and Charlottesville. Now that graduation is starting to get closer we are looking at potentially moving out West to the Rockies in the summer of 2015. Sadly, that means leaving behind our first house which has been my pet project for the last 3 years. I have grown quite attached to the place. I will finish up with an anecdote from my most recent camping excursion. Emily and I set off for a backwoods cabin in Shenandoah National Park just before the polar vortex hit. This cabin was primitive with only a wood stove for heat. Well, we got the thing nice and toasty but suddenly in the middle of the night 50+ mph wind gusts decided to break the latch on the window and it blew wide open. The temperature in the cabin immediately plummeted from 60 degrees to somewhere in the teens. We were able to warm it up a bit after securing the shutter tight. Sadly, this had to be done from the outside. So, I will leave you with this final thought to imagine: There was Severin, running around outside the cabin in single digit temperatures with nothing on but his boxers. I was slipping and sliding all over the ice and was practically blown over the edge of the cliff by the strong winds. When I finally got it closed I dashed back inside with my teeth chattering and my testicles having ascended all the way into my throat. I think it took them a full day to come back down. And to

top it all off, icicles had already begun forming in my mustache.

Anna Parks I'm in my last year of med school at UCSF and about to finally become a real adult when I start an Internal Medicine residency in June (location: TBD!). My boyfriend Moses and I live in a sunny cottage in SF. During 2013, we hiked to some beautiful Bay Area beaches and reunited with lots of FOOT/Yale folks at a plethora of weddings. Our comfy sofa-bed is always open to anyone hankering to drink the SF Kool-Aid! Anna Parks MD Candidate, MS4, UCSF School of Medicine <u>Anna.Parks@ucsf.edu</u>

## Class of 2010

**Austin Anderson:** I'm halfway through my first year at Harvard Law School, learning all about fascinating things like Torts and Civil Procedure. I'm meeting some really cool people and having fun wearing my "Harvard Sucks" hat to class. I also had an amazing time being in Boston for the Red Sox World Series victory; I watched the decisive sixth game at a bar across the street from Fenway Park and then ran through the streets of Boston with the happiest mob this side of Old Campus on the day the Footies arrive. I'm heading to Missoula, Montana for the summer to hopefully squeeze some work at the US Attorney's Office into my rigorous fly-fishing schedule.

**Eli Bildner:** I've now been in the same place for more than half a year, which may be a cause for personal celebration in and of itself. Living in the Bay Area, working at Coursera, and very much enjoying it all. Hope to see some of you fine people out here — holler if you're in SF or the peninsula! Great biking, hiking, surfing, frisbee, tennis and more for all who make the trip!

**Brian Boyle:** Third year of med school on the wards at Mass General is tough and rewarding in roughly equal measure. I pulled a baby out of someone yesterday, which was exhilarating and gross in roughly equal measure. The overarching theme, then, is one of cosmic balance. Clothed in scrubs. Drizzled with goo.

Liz Breit: I'm living in Cambridge, MA and I'm currently 2/3 of the way to a Masters of Divinity from Harvard, where I have to consistently explain that I am neither rabbi nor priest. I am embarrassed for all the people who willingly walk around in Harvard gear. This summer my dream is to go back to my old job with Backroads in France, leading cycling tours across the countryside. After graduation I am hoping to go into mediation and conflict resolution, hopefully in some kind of diplomatic capacity. I miss FOOT and drag friends up into NH/VT mountains where we eat cheese on tillas as often as possible. I wish I could do this without having to explain what tillas are. LOTS OF LOVE!

**Libbey Davis:** I moved to Nairobi this summer, and every day is an adventure – sometimes more enjoyable than others. Highlights: mango juice, no polar vortexes, and beautiful places to explore and frolic with animals. Lowlights: unbelievable traffic, power outages every time it rains, and having to wake up in the middle of the night to watch sports. I'm having a lot of fun, but wish there were more FOOT in my life – so if any of you happen to be in my neck of the woods let me know!

**Dan Frank:** I just moved to San Francisco to work as an engineer at Stripe, following a one month sabbatical from real life where I spent January living in Summit County, Colorado and skiing basically every day. Folks in the Bay Area interested in getting outdoors should hit me up.

Jasper Frank: Mara and I are back living in New Orleans after a couple of years in Brooklyn. I am working at a local community college, helping to manage a program that provide college level career and technical training to students without high school degrees. Also, we have a dog! I've attached a picture. Life is good. Anyone who visits The Big Easy should let us know; we have a pull-out couch.



**Leslie Golden:** I'm finishing up my third year or medical school in February and then (hopefully) moving to NYC for five months to do research. I really enjoyed my rotations third year and am excited to apply for orthopedic surgery residencies. My fourth year of school will have a fair amount of travel for interviews (fingers crossed) and away rotations and I hope to sleep on some gracious FOOT leaders' couches. On the other side, I only have a year left in Atlanta so come visit me in the south!

**Wiles Kase:** I proposed to Lauren Hunter (in April 2013) and she said yes! Engaged life is so fun--I wish it could go on forever, but I hear the wedding is a fun event so I guess the 17 mo. engagement will have to come to an end in September 2014. I'm living in Somerville/Boston, and don't have nearly enough FOOT in my life--which is my own fault because there are infinity amazing FOOT '11ers living nearby. Ring of fire, anyone? I walk 5 minutes to the same job in Cambridge/Somerville, doing environmental consulting.

I walk 5 minutes to the same job in Cambridge/Somerville, doing environmental consulting. Finding it tough to move on from such cozy work! In March I'll take 6 weeks off to live in Ecuador, coordinating the next few years of tourism with the Huaorani community I've continued to visit and lead trips to since sophomore year of college. If anyone is interested in an August trip to the Ecuadorian Amazon, just holler. Also, I'm working with Jon Wu (FOOT '09) and Chris Kaimmer (Pierson '09) on a non-profit effort to bring US high school soccer players to train in a Zulu soccer academy in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, and perform soccer-related service projects alongside their new Zulu teammates. If you have any children of your own who are high school soccer players, holler at me for that, too!

**Christine Levy:** Hi FOOT! This year brought many happy shifts in my life. In July, I left consulting (still recovering) to take a dream job doing venture philanthropy in the education space. I've been incredibly fulfilled going to work every day with the ultimate objective to help under-served kids, and through my work have been traveling to lots of cities in the Midwest. I'd love to track anyone down who's in Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Georgia. Let me know! With the job change, I moved from New York City back to my beloved Denver. I've been having fun skiing, trail running, biking, and putzing around on my cruiser bike. Come visit me any time--I have extra beds. Miss you all and hope we can re-connect soon.

**Craig Minoff:** I am writing from SoHo, where I am entering my second year at fellow FOOT leader, Michael Waxman's (TD '09) startup, Grouper Social Club. Our team tripled in size and we just launched in the UK, so 2014 should be an exciting year. Outside of work, it has been a wonderful year full of adventures near and far. Living in New York brought me closer to lots of FOOT leaders, and I've been lucky enough to meet up with others outside the Big Apple. A

retreat with a few in Austin led to an epic BBQ meat coma and a weekend in Massachusetts featured two Bildner FOOT leaders in their element making artisanal pizzas.

Excited for 2014!



**Dan Schechner:** I'm writing this quick update from behind the a/v table in a conference hall in Monterrey, Mexico, where I am coordinating a 5-day training event for 60 newly hired property managers, leasing agents, and accountants as a capstone on the internalization project. It's been a crazy year running around Mexico building a real estate company while not really knowing much about building a company or real estate. I feel like it was the year abroad that I never had. I'm looking forward to coming home in march--let me know if you need a couch in New York!

**Tom Schnitzer:** I continue to love life in Boston. I have a great apartment in Bay Village, which is walking distance to my work, and am doing my best to keep exploring as much of the city as I have time for. 2013 was a year of adventure and change. I spent two months travelling around the world and was able to visit 13 different countries. I left one job and started another (I'm now back at BCG, where I was after graduation) I saw quite a number of FOOT leaders in fun places over the course of the year, including Steph Marton in Kuala Lumpur, Michael Boyle in San Francisco, and Brian Boyle, Jasper Frank, Dan Schechner, Craig Minoff, and Zack Abrahamson in both Nashville TN and Austin TX. In Nashville we serendipitously ran into Nandi Chihombori-Quao and Christine Levy at a crowded bar in a thunderstorm. Small world. I've seen numerous other FOOT leaders in Boston and am glad so many of us call this city home. Best wishes to everyone for a great 2014

**Rana Searfoss:** I'm living in New Haven doing health services research and loving it. I miss FOOT and would love visitors if people are in the area!

**Rebecca Summer:** Hello from Wisconsin! I'm living in Madison and getting my PhD in Geography at the University of Wisconsin. I research public participation in urban historic preservation and I love being a TA (my students think I am a goofy weirdo, but at least I haven't made them oomgala...yet). I've gotten used to the freezing cold--turns out that skiing across frozen lakes is a pretty cool way to get to school! I was recently told by a nice old man in a small Wisconsin town that "grad school is the snooze button on the clock radio of life." I'm trying to prove him wrong, but that said, would love FOOT visitors (or neighbors!!) sometime in my next five years of "snoozing."

**Erin Walsh:** Still working in environmental consulting as an environmental scientist. Currently residing Red Bank, but as a result of moving to another office in the spring, I'll be moving to Morristown. I've been able squeeze in some backpacking and kayaking adventures and utilize those bear bagging skills! Also I dazzle my coworkers with my FOOT knot tying skills during field work. Thanks FOOT for the life skills! If anyone is looking for some hiking, rock climbing, or kayaking adventures in North Jersey/New York area, shoot me an email at <u>erineawalsh@gmail.com</u>. Looking to organize another backpacking overnight weekend warrior trip in the spring and the more the merrier!

**Sarah Wolf:** 2013 was a wonderfully eventful year for me. I finished last academic year in Jerusalem, spent the summer teaching Talmud to high school girls in NYC, and moved to Chicago a few months ago to start a Ph.D in Religious Studies at Northwestern. And in December I got engaged to my wonderful partner Josh (on a snowy trail in the Hudson Valley, in true FOOT form). My apartment in Chicago is not quite as good as a tent in the woods, but I do enjoy living two blocks from a huge lake. Please let me know if you're living in/passing through town.

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**Riley Scripps Ford**: After two amazing years teaching English and coaching crew at Choate, I decided it was time to leave the prep school bubble and get reinvolved with the wider education world. I'm now in my fifth month back at Yale as an Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admissions, where I'm responsible for all of our applications and outreach in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Louisiana (a territory previously covered by our very own

Aki Younge). In my spare time I row with the Yale Graduate School crew team and eat Chipotle, usually in direct sequence.

**Kelvin Vu:** FOOT! This past spring, I finished my time at the Conservatory of Dance in San Francisco and got my first job with the Batsheva Ensemble in Tel Aviv. Now, I'm living the expat artist life, grappling with a new world of ideas, and trying to learn Hebrew. hugs and pugs, kelvin

**Katelynn Clement:** Holding it down in New Orleans. Staying in NOLA indefinitely. getting out of education, getting into (good) trouble. Just moved into my own place! Come and stay!

**Hilary Faxon:** After graduating from Yale Forestry last May I spent 6 months traveling and working a few independent consulting gigs - Montana, Oregon, San Francisco, Yale Forest, Bhutan, Bangkok, Burma. After Thanksgiving I moved down to DC to take over Julia Lurie's life/house and hang out with the capitol's FOOT leaders. I'll be here through the spring working for the World Resources Institute, an environmental think tank. I'm enjoying runs, yoga, and my neighbor Thomas Meyer's "Hemmingway Mac 'n Cheese." Also, I'm moving to Yangon in August - come visit!

**Chris Lash:** A glimpse through my "Sent" email folder suggests that my updates get less and less enthusiastic each year. (Is this what the real world is doing to us?) Enjoying life in Washington, DC, working with motivated high schoolers from around the country at SEGL. Yuri and I started hiking more this fall, which gave us a chance to dust off some old FOOT humor and have a lot of "aah, the good ol' days" type of moments. Looking forward to even more trips in the spring - if anyone is in DC or plans on passing through for a weekend, let us know! christopher.d.lash@gmail.com.

**Blair Lanier:** Hello from Cincinnati! I'm still loving work with awesome middle schoolers at Breakthrough, and it has been CRAZY watching how much change is happening in Cincinnati's urban core these days (i.e. everyone should check it out). Next year, I'm off to Duke for a MBA/MPP and will be living on a small farm just north of Durham with the boy... stop by for good eats and hikes/camping on the property if you're nearby!

**Jeremy Lent:** I'm in my third year in the philosophy PhD program at the University of Michigan. I recently earned my master's degree (I like the sound of "Master Lent"), and I'm now dissertating (yes, it's a verb) and teaching discussion sections. In non-academic news, this past summer my parents suddenly uprooted from my childhood home in Maryland and moved to a townhouse (in the same county, but closer to DC). Having visited twice now, I can say that it's easy to get used to a new home when the people and the furniture are all the same! I've also recently taught myself (via YouTube videos) to swim laps, thus finally overcoming a long-held distaste for water sports (possibly occasioned by my experience of perennially being the worst swimmer at Boy Scout summer camp).

**Dennis Howe:** I am living in New York and working in Corporate America. I won't bore you with the details of my job, but I miss all of you and I'm always down for a FOOT reunion in NYC.

Andrew Timberlake: I'm back in beautiful New Haven as an MD/PhD student at the Yale School of Medicine. I have a strong clinical interest in surgery, and am doing research in

regenerative medicine over on science hill. The program will have me in New Haven for another 5-6 years, so if anyone's ever passing through, let me know!

Akina Younge: By the time you're reading this, I will have left for my 6 month move to Medellín, Colombia! I will be there from Jan 23 to June 23, so if you're looking for an excuse to take a vacation to South America, I am eager to have visitors. I will be working as an unpaid intern for a group called La Ciudad Verde (http://www.laciudadverde.co, a sustainability think tank) while also playing Ultimate for Medellín's women's team, Revolution. I'll be taking my boots along with me to get in some hiking and maybe some camping during my stay. Viva la FOOT!

**Abby West:** I'm living in San Francisco, working in the youth empowerment/community development space, and trying to take full advantage of this beautiful coast (if anyone has secret West Coast hikes - please send them my way!). I'm also doing my damnedest to get together with other FOOT leaders whenever possible (see photo evidence of a recent gathering in the Rockies) and to convince as many as possible to move here (latest converts include Lili Rudis and Thomas Smyth, although I can take no credit for the latter).



**Rebecca Hinkle:** In addition to the year's highlight-- a visit to Boston to see Ms. Willett-- all is well! I am in my second year teaching at a KIPP middle school in Denver, Colorado. All these mountains and blue skies have made for a great move, and I love teaching 6th grade writing. I'm learning to understand the pre-teen mind and how to ski. If you want to climb a mountain, come visit!

**Randy Spock:** I'm relaxing in sunny Seattle, enjoying a one-year term at the Gates Foundation arranged by my jailer-benefactors at BCG. I've had a lot of fun here, driven less by my involvement in the modern philanthropic revolution and more by my rediscovery of weekday evenings. The latest excitement here (naturally) was the Super Bowl - it happens that my apartment faces the Space Needle, so all my rowdy friends and I watched it explode with fireworks every time the Seahawks scored (roughly 58 times, per Elias Sports Bureau), and can now admire it as it remains done up like a Tim Burton-era Batman set element for the foreseeable future (see pic). If anyone is up Pac-NW way, give me a ring and I'll spare

you a stiff latte and an umbrella. And lest I fail to close my update the way Russell Wilson closes every press conference: GO HAWKS.



**Chris Magoon:** I'm working through pre-med classes at a postbac program outside Philly. I've come to love the city of Philadelphia and realize the value of having a calculator on my person at all times.

**Steph Marton:** I moved to Southeast Asia with BCG, and am now consulting in Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia and (currently) Mumbai! In my spare time, I go hiking in Indonesia and to visit monkey reserves in Borneo – essentially its an adventure life. I've been here about a year, but will be leaving my company soon to move to Auckland to explore some personal interests (e.g. learning to code, learning a new instrument). In the fall, I am moving to either SF or Boston for business school (still deciding). E-mail me at marton.steph@gmail.com if you want to visit Southeast Asia, are likely to be in SF/Boston in the fall, or just to catch up.

**Frances Douglas**: I just started a new job doing sustainability at a tech company, which is great but best of all I'm now living 3 blocks away for DOUNIA BREDES! She's been showing me around Providence (read: we are slowly eating our way through delicious foods). Let me know if you're ever in my (new) neck of the woods!

**Tully McLoughlin:** This year I rounded off more than a year working with Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, now a state representative in the Alaska State Legislature. After a tenacious campaign last fall, JKT was elected, and I spent much of 2013 as his chief of staff, living in Sitka and Juneau. I recently made the move to Chicago, where I have been writing and taking classes in improv comedy. Icicles crystallized on my eyelashes during a -15 degrees cold snap in January, marking the lowest temperatures I've ever endured.



**Elliott Brennan:** The beginning of the year found me in Sitka, Alaska, and now at the end, it has me back home in Virginia. Between there and here, I was in Honolulu living with my aunt and uncle for four months, and I was in Portland, Oregon, for the month of May. In January, I decided to give up my spot at Mount Sinai School of Medicine -- a decision I had been making for a long time. I don't know what my path will be for the future, but -- for now -- you can find me working in our local bookstore in Lynchburg. Also, I dressed up as the Phantom of the Opera for Halloween (That's my friend and co-worker Zander dressed up as Sweeney Todd).



**Jon Russell:** Jon Russell is in his 3rd year of a PhD in Biochemistry at Harvard. He plays FOOT games as often as he can, most memorably got a game of Battle Blanket to happen on Thompson Island in the Boston Harbor last September.

**Michelle Ho:** Michelle Ho is off the LSAT bandwagon because she realized she just ain't about that law school life. She's now happily working in the Education Department at the Cantor Arts Center, Stanford University's art museum. She spends most of her days planning, planning, and planning--from special events and docent tours to artist lectures and family-friendly art-making curriculum. When she's not planning, she is a penguin. Sometimes, she gets to bask in the poetic radiance of former Yale professor.



**Alex Nemerov,** who now teaches at Stanford. She also recently moved into a cute apartment in Mountain View, CA (where Google is located), with an amazing singer-songwriter roomie. On a very privileged occasion, she gets to hang out with her former co-leader Eli Bildner (FOOT '10). Finally, in her spare time, she dances ballet.

**Reuben Fischer-Baum:** After working in urban planning for a while, last year I started a new job/career making data graphics and maps for Deadspin.com and a couple other Gawker Media sites. I live in the same Brooklyn apartment that I moved into in September 2011, which freaks me out if I think about it too much.

**Jose Gutierrez:** After graduating I spent a year in Baltimore working on my master's degree at Hopkins, and then I moved to DC for 6 months to intern at USAID, working mostly on issues related to financing HIV/AIDS projects. Then I spent the first half of last year in Sierra Leone working on a malaria survey; it was, well, interesting to say the least. The project was kind of a mess (aren't they all, really?) but everyone was very friendly, the beaches were beautiful and I managed to leave without getting malaria myself. I've since graduated, and last July I moved back to DC to work with the Inter-American Development Bank on several health projects throughout the region. Looking back and realizing most of what I've been up to is related to work or school (boring, yuck), I've been thinking about finally making the jump down to Mexico or elsewhere in Latin America, where maybe I'll be consumed a little bit less by work and have more interesting stories to tell. In other non work-related news, I was delighted to run into

Hillary Faxon, who recently moved into the same neighborhood in DC (Petworth, come visit!) FOOT hugs for everyone, Jose

**Monica Ceragioli** Hello FOOT '11. I'm living in the Big Apple, commuting to my job from Park Slope, trying to avoid the crowds via Citibike, eating a lot of good food, and loving the days I can wear my hiking boots in the snow.

**Chelsea Willett:** My time in Boston is winding down as I start to look into geology Ph.D. programs. My time in New England has been great and full of sports victories, but I'm looking forward to exploring a new part of the country where people use their turn signals more and their middle fingers less. I'm trying to fill my summer with hiking and backpacking adventures--let me know if you are, too!

# Class of 2012

**Kevin Hoffman:** Hello from LA! I'm starting my second semester with Teach for America, teaching in South LA. This year has been great; I really enjoy the work that I do in the classroom. Additionally, I've been able to be a soccer coach for my school and have started an after-school computer programming club. There's a lot to be excited about in the new semester, but I've also started thinking about the future - life after TFA. Still not sure what I'll be doing, but at some point I'll look to get back into my Yale major, mechanical engineering. Until then, I'm working a ton and enjoying the exploration of LA. Let me know if you're in town! #westcoastbestcoast

**Lepi Jha:** I am in DC going on my second year at the Treasury Department. For fun I sit around and dream of hiking (AT4 = #1 in my heart still). If you are ever around, drop me a line -- would love to see any/all of you!

Adi Kamdar and Peter Wilczynski: Adi and I are still living it up in San Francisco, and it's awesome. We're both still doing the same stuff - I'm working at Palantir, and Adi is working at the EFF, so we're enjoying our slightly adversarial jobs. It's a veritable Montague/Capulet situation, and we love it. We've taken some good trips on and off over the years, and we just got back from a big trip to Utah where a man explained to us very explicitly that we are living in a city that is actively anti-American. He still let us shoot guns, though, which is cool. One fun fact about us is that we've hosted many, many FOOT visitors lately, and we would love to continue to host them. If you're one of these



people, let us know - We love when people visit, and we're very cuddly. Moving into the new year, we are going to continue to keep doing pretty much the same stuff, but drink less alcohol and maybe try to get back into shape! Ok, on that note, it's leg day, and we're going to go hit the gym.

**Angie Ramirez:** Reporting from the dirty Jerz- I am currently on my second year as a 6th grade bilingual social studies teacher in Passaic, New Joisey. This year, I am focusing a lot of my time planning and teaching essay writing-- it's one of the most rewarding topics to teach my kids. They're really improving!!! Next year I'll be moving to the financial side of education/the nonprofit world, working for a nonprofit investment bank in NYC doing impact investing, venture philanthropy, and other really exciting things. I don't know how I'll be able to leave my kids at the end of the year though-- they've become my biggest inspiration and source of pride. Come visit me-- I'll feed you with my hopefully soon to be amazing cooking skills!

**Brendan Ternus:** I was in Denver for two months this past summer, hiking and biking and riding a lot of roller coasters. In September, I moved to Beijing to help start an experimental education organization called Armada (shameless plug: any education-minded FOOT folk who want an awesome job working with kids or a chance to live in China should check out <u>armadaed.com</u>, because we're hiring!). I'm loving it here so far - I spend my days writing and testing out curriculum with a handful of students, and my evenings exploring the city and taking pictures. Sometimes I ride roller coasters here, too, though I'm a little more dubious about their structural integrity. I also get to hang with Brendan Ross (FOOT'13) a bunch - we're over here repping both FOOT and People Named Brendan. Come visit! Even if your name is not Brendan!

**Snigdha Sur:** Hello, FOOT! I am now a second year consultant @ McKinsey in New York. I've been able to do a lot of awesome work helping make cities more resilient to climate change impact, a topic which gets me super excited. (Guess that Economics of Climate Change class with Nordhaus and half of FOOT juniors was useful after all?) My biggest achievement last year, FOOT-wise, was hiking the 5-day Salkantay trail to Machu Picchu in Peru. The trek was difficult mostly because of the quick changes in altitude -- it really wasn't about how fit people were, but rather about how acclimated people were to breathing with little oxygen. I also ziplined and ate guinea pig for the first time during the trip. I don't know what's in store for the year ahead but it may be time to leave my hometown of New York City and adventure it up. Oh, and a big congrats to my FOOT leader, Joe Hsu, for getting married and for Joe and Maria for their beautiful first child!

**Rae Ellen Bichell:** FOOT! I moved back to the U.S. after a good, cold year in Finland. Lessons learned: 1) reindeer meat tastes really good with lingonberries, and 2) ice swimming isn't so bad! Now, I'm a fellow at National Public Radio. I've been rotating around various shows and desks learning how to: work recording studios, interview Canadian curling champions, and convince editors to let me write blog posts about how birds can twerk (among other serious things). I play right wing for a local broomball team. Achievement of the year: getting plants to grow in the basement lair that I live in. I'm about to move to Seattle for three months, to work as a local radio reporter for KPLU. Then back to D.C. Come visit in either place if you can! And holla if you have Seattle connections.

**Kaylee Weil:** Hey FOOT! I'm back in New Haven at the Forestry School for my first and last year. I'll be graduating in May and who knows where the wind will take me. The past year has had some amazing ups and amazing downs. As many of you remember, a zipline accident put me in a motorized scooter for a few months of senior year. This past summer, I finally had surgery to hopefully fix this up once and for all! A couple weeks after the surgery, I drove cross country had an amazing two weeks with my dad gallivanting around some national parks. He was amazing and helped me reach my all of my insane crutch-hiking goals (we're at Inspiration Point at 7230 ft!). I made it all the way back to Connecticut and I've been having a great year at FES. I

met an incredible guy, and he's been making this year all the better. I have some crazy travels coming up: By the time this letter comes out, I'll hopefully be back from Sochi, for the Olympics. I'm heading out with a team of 5 other students to raise a climate change awareness campaign. Should be interesting... Then in March, I'm heading to Haiti with an FES class to work on sustainable development. It's all very exciting, and I can't wait to see what the next year brings. Come visit if you're ever in New Haven!



Jack Bisceglia: Hey FOOT! I'm living in Charlottesville, Va finishing my first year of law school at UVA. It was bizarre starting a school year without hiking in the woods with you guys. I tried to make up for it last summer by working in Wyoming. I spent June and July based out of Jackson, leading backcountry fly fishing trips, looking at buffalo, and wondering why the mountains out there are so much bigger than on the east coast. (FYI It's because ours are older and more dignified or something). I wasn't much of a fisherman at the beginning of the summer but now I know a thing or two about angling, so if anyone wants to take a fishing trip sometime, let me know. Charlottesville is a fantastic place to go to school. It's



tucked in the Blue Ridge Mountains, there are beautiful vineyards, and the next county over has more breweries than stoplights. If this sounds like a travel ad, it is, so come visit any time. I'd love to show y'all some real Virginia hospitality. Miss you guys like crazy! Hope to see you soon!

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**Devon Race:** I'm living in Chicago now and I thought you might be interested to know that I'm working for Jay Readey at the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights. He remembers his FOOT leader time fondly and keeps a bag of GORP on his desk at all times. He said he even spent a honeymoon trip at Cilla's Vineyard house! Who knows if I would've been considered for the job absent him seeing FOOT on my resume? Proof that the FOOT community extends beyond our time at Yale!

**Nathaniel Zelinsky:** I'm at Clare College in Cambridge studying history -- it's a blast here, though I miss Yale! If any FOOT people happen to make their way through the UK, they are more than welcome to crash on my floor.

**Ric Caraballo** After graduation, I spent a month backpacking around SE Asia and Nepal with the lovely Kat Lau. Then, after stopping in Spain for a few weeks to visit family and friends, I landed directly in DC where I lived in a hostel for awhile before finding more permanent housing (tip for anyone moving to a new city soon: don't wait until a week before moving to start looking for somewhere to live). So far life in the District has been dope. I'm working for Deloitte doing federal government consulting and going on as many weekend adventures as possible - highlights include Christmas tree chopping and trap and skeet shooting. My house also hosts regular potlucks where we each invite a guest and tell them to bring a friend we don't know (everyone should do this - they're awesome and a great way to meet new people). Overall, no complaints. Hope everyone is doing well, and be sure to give a shout if you're ever in DC!

**Sara Stalla** Sara Stalla '13 and Julia Lurie '11 are living together in San Francisco! (with 3 other non-FOOT leader Yalies) They live at the top of Potrero Hill, which means they basically need to trek up on a mini-FOOT trip whenever they want to go home. But it's great and the views are beautiful! Come visit them and see!

**Helen McCreary** Hello Feet! Wow, a lot has happened since graduation. Right after commencement I went out west to take a NOLS Instructor Course, and then worked with NOLS for a while. Then I spent a few months doing archaeology in Wyoming and Colorado before heading back to the Have for Harvard-Yale. Now I'm living in Christchurch, New Zealand, having adventures and working for an archaeology consulting firm that does a lot to rebuild the city after the earthquakes in 2011. If any FOOT leaders find themselves in Middle Earth, come visit me!! Shoot me an email at helen.mccreary@gmail.com! Miss y'all tons, so much FOOTlove <3

**David Carel** I've been living in Oxford, England for the last six months pursuing a second BA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Most of my time is spent rowing crew for my college, playing open mic nights around Oxford pubs, kayaking England and Wales, and continuing to work on Panorama Education, a Yale education technology startup. If anyone is looking to backpack through the UK or elsewhere in Europe, do let me know!

**Jacob Evelyn** Jacob Evelyn is living and loving in Boston, eating lots of food (but mostly wishing it was all Everything Torts) and being a grownup. He is not yet married to a fellow FOOT leader but let's just say his prospects look particularly good with both Chelsea Willett and Chris Brown.

**William Ferraro** I'm back in Philadelphia working for an education nonprofit called City Year. I work with 7th graders, tutoring and mentoring students who are most likely to drop out of school. Hope everyone is doing well and if you're ever in Philly let me know!

**Clare Sestanovich** Clare Sestanovich is working in DC for a few more months. Her roommates asked her if her FOOT sweatpants are "kinda like a uniform." Because she wears them every day.

**Alex Kramer** I'm currently living in Brooklyn, NY with fellow FOOT leader Jacob Paul and around the corner from Charlotte Parker and Tatiana Piskula. I've been building my career as much as I can, acting in several film projects that will be submitted to festivals in 2014. Most of this work I've produced in collaboration with other Yalies. To keep myself afloat I've spent time doing weird jobs ranging from a locker room supervisor at a children's ballet school to a undercover patient who secretly evaluates residents at NYU hospital. Things are great! Come

visit me and all your other FOOT friends in Crown Heights!

**Jordan Orosz** I'm living in San Francisco, working as a Legal Assistant at Google, and generally loving life! I most miss not having all of my friends within a 10-minute walk of my house. Real life is so inconvenient.

**Melis Emre** At present, I am living in Boston with my boyfriend Ian and it's wonderful. Boston is such a great city, especially post-college (it's small enough to not be overwhelming but big enough that there's lots to do). After a failed attempt at an Americorps fellowship and two surgeries that set me back a couple of months, I found a job in Business Intelligence at Wayfair (they're like the Amazon of home goods). It's definitely interesting and I'm learning quite a bit, but I miss being in school! To that end, I am taking classes and gearing up for a summer program, either at Harvard or the School for Field Studies, which I'm looking forward to. I'm also really excited for my sister's wedding this summer, and a trip to Turkey/Croatia that Ian and I are planning for either this summer or next.

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And finally some news from **Cilla**! Well, I'm still in New Haven! Surprise! Steve and I keep threatening to retire and move to Vermont, but life keeps getting in the way. I am still teaching full time at Hopkins and still loving directing FOOT. I did fix up the camp dining hall at our farm in Vermont and I held my first wedding last September. I have worked out a few kinks and soon will have a website up advertising our place as an event venue. So—all you hold-outs, this is the place you want to get married! The view is spectacular! Or why not renew your yows or just have a big bash. Steve and I did some fun traveling last year and the beginning of this one: St. John, Big Horns of Wyoming, Spring Island and Savannah, Boca Grande. Steve is Emeritus from the forestry school, but he may teach a course to undergraduates next fall. Meanwhile, his consulting on biophilic design has taken off—some interesting projects are on the front burner and we are keeping our fingers crossed that all will come to fruition. We still live in that



yellow house on Edgehill and I have 2 dogs and 3 cats. My dogs still steal food at FOOT dinners in the back yard. I also have 4 grandkids from my two step-daughters who are always a blast. Age is creeping up on me at times, but I try to fight it off. FOOT has certainly kept me young! I hope to see some of you soon—perhaps another Vermont event or at reunions!!!

### Lots of FOOT Luv, Cilla

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